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Dear Desert Plan Reviewer:

Your comments on the Draft Plan Alternatives for the California Desert Conservation Area have shown that people would like to have more information on exactly how "Wilderness Study Areas" and "Areas of Critical Environmental Concern" (ACEC's) were analyzed during the early part of the planning process. Many reviewers have expressed this concern.

Therefore, we are presenting the following information document to everyone who reviewed a copy of the CDCA Draft Plan Alternatives and Environmental Impact Statement, some 14,000 individuals, groups, agencies and organizations.

The planning and public review process is, of course, only halfway through. We hope this information will prove useful as it continues.

During the three-month comment period on the Draft Plan Alternatives and EIS we received a lot of good information which is being used in the preparation of the CDCA Proposed Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, to be published September 30, 1980. The way in which Wilderness and ACEC's will be analyzed in developing the Proposed Plan is also described in the attached document.

When the Proposed Plan is published there will be another 30-day public comment period, during which reviewers will have further opportunity to provide input to be used by BLM and the Secretary of the Interior in deciding on a Management Plan for the California Desert. If you have any questions, we will be happy to hear from you. You can write to BLM, P.O. Box 5555, Riverside, CA 95217, or call (714) 787-1367.

I hope the attached document is helpful and that you will continue to provide us with your comments and ideas during the next steps in the development of the Desert Plan.

Thank you,

James B. Ruch
State Director

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INTRODUCTION

This document describes how Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) were considered in the "California Desert Conservation Area Draft Plan Alternatives and Environmental Impact Statement." It also explains the future actions that will be taken to analyze these subjects prior to publication of the Desert Plan.

This document is divided into two sections: Section I describes the Wilderness Review Program for the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) and includes a brief summary of determinations made during the Wilderness Study Phase on each of the 138 Wilderness Study Areas in the CDCA designated as a result of the Wilderness Inventory Phase. It also describes how these Wilderness Study Areas will be incorporated in the CDCA Proposed Plan/Final Eis. Section II describes the Bureau's program for Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in the CDCA, and how the nominated ACECs were reviewed before incorporation in the CDCA Draft Plan Alternatives. It also states the reason for each of the draft determinations in a summary matrix for all nominated ACECs, to show each one's progress through the process. Both sections briefly describe past public involvement and input in the planning process and the specific future opportunities and times for future public involvement in both Wilderness and ACEC unit determinations before final decisions are made.

Copies of this document are being sent to more than 14,000 individuals, groups, organizations, and government agencies which have a continuing role in the planning process for the California Desert Conservation Area.

Questions concerning this document, or requests for additional copies, should be addressed to the Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 5555, Riverside, CA 92517.

Section I

CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION AREA WILDERNESS REVIEW PROGRAM

Public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) were not included in the Wilderness Act of 1964. The Act established a National Wilderness Preservation System and required that inventories of Federal lands within the National Forests, National Parks, and National Wildlife Refuges be conducted to determine which would qualify for inclusion in the System. It was not until 1976, when the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) was enacted, that public lands administered by BLM required similar inventory and identification.

BLM's Wilderness Review Program applies to all public lands administered by the Bureau and is divided into three separate phases:

INVENTORY -- Explicitly involves looking at the public lands to locate roadless areas containing 5,000 acres or more of contiguous public lands which meet criteria listed in Section 2(c) of the Wilderness Act of 1964. Those which meet the criteria are called Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs).

STUDY ------ Determines, through land-use planning, which Wilderness Study Areas will be recommended to the Secretary of the Interior as suitable or unsuitable for wilderness designation by the Congress. These determinations will consider all values, resources, and land uses.

REPORTING -- Consists of actually forwarding, or reporting, the recommendation of suitability or unsuitability for each Wilderness Study Area through the Secretary of the Interior and the President to the Congress. The recommendations will be accompanied by mineral surveys, environmental assessments, and other data required by law. Within two years after receipt of each Secretarial recommendation, the President must report his final recommendations to Congress. Only Congress may designate an area as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System and there is no deadline for designation.

The Wilderness Review Program within the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) was begun by the BLM in 1978, in response to two Congressional mandates set forth in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (PL 94-579):

> Section 601 of the Act established the 25-million-acre California Desert Conservation Area, and directed BLM to prepare a comprehensive plan for the management, use, development and protection of the Area's 12.5 million acres of public lands by September 30, 1980.
>
> Section 603 of the same Act directed the inventory and review of all roadless areas within the CDCA which contained 5,000 acres or more of contiguous public lands administered by BLM and which possess the wilderness characteristics and values identified in Section 2(c) of the Wilderness Act of 1964.

In order to complete the Wilderness Study Phase on public lands in the CDCA to coincide with completion of the planning effort for the CDCA, BLM was authorized to conduct the Wilderness Inventory Phase on an accelerated schedule.

INVENTORY PHASE

The Inventory Phase of the Wilderness Review Program covering public lands in the CDCA was conducted by an interdisciplinary team of BLM resource specialists from June 1978 to March 31, 1979, when the final report was published. During this period, the team sought public cooperation and involvement and used the resulting comments in their evaluations. The published results included descriptive narratives of each of the roadless areas of public lands within the CDCA and a list of the 138 roadless areas formally designated as Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs). The inventory files were, and are, available for public review.

The Inventory Phase included an intensive amount of public involvement. During this phase, 57 meetings and workshops were held which were attended by over 5300 people. The wilderness inventory mailing list increased from 3,400 in May 1978 to 7,000 in October 1978. The detailed

inventory process and public involvement for the Wilderness Inventory in the CDCA are summarized on page 235 of the CDCA-Wilderness Inventory - Final Descriptive Narratives, March 31, 1979.

STUDY PHASE

During the Study Phase of the BLM Wilderness Review Program, WSAs are analyzed, together with other area resources, in a comprehensive planning process leading to a recommendation of suitability or unsuitability for wilderness to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior.

The Study Phase of the 138 WSAs in the CDCA was conducted by the Desert Planning Staff. It began in March 1979, with distribution to the public of a "Workbook." This workbook contained a description of how the Study Phase of the Program would be conducted, and provided means and direction for the public to provide BLM with factual input, as well as opinions, which could be used in analyzing each of the 138 WSAs in the wilderness element of the CDCA Draft Plan Alternatives. The workbook was sent to 8,500 individuals. About 50 percent of the worksheets from the workbook were returned by the public.

Quality Rating

The first step of the Study Phase analysis compared the WSAs with one another to determine the relative wilderness qualities of each WSA. This quality rating was based on size; natural condition; solitude; recreational opportunity; ecological uniqueness and diversity; geological uniqueness and diversity; scenery; adjacent wilderness; manageability; accessibility; previous recreational use; historical and cultural values; and uniqueness relative to areas within the CDCA which have been established or administratively endorsed by other Federal agencies as wilderness.

During the quality rating, information was taken from the Inventory narratives and from documented public input. BLM resource specialists and managers with extensive field experience in the CDCA and other public lands provided additional information. Another source was the factual input and opinions on each WSA which were provided to the Desert Planning

Staff by the general public through the "Workbook" comment sheets received during the 60-day review and comment period from April 1 to May 31, 1979.

Based on the first-step analysis, each WSA was given a Quality Rating (QR) of "Excellent," "Good," "Fair," or "Poor," based on its relative wilderness value.

The criteria for the Quality Rating are listed in "Wilderness Study Phase Plan Evaluation Guidelines," available from the Desert Planning Staff. The specific quality ranking by points for each WSA is also available.

Multiple-Use Analysis

After each WSA was given a Quality Rating for wilderness values, it underwent a second analysis for multiple-use classification under each of the alternative land-use plans established for the CDCA.

One of those alternatives was continuation of present management, a legally required alternative. The other three were: the Use Alternative, which focused on meeting human demands by obtaining the highest degree of consumptive use and production that desert resources could provide, while still meeting legally required environmental standards; the Protection Alternative, which focused on maximum preservation of natural and cultural values, with emphasis on protecting fragile resource values, allowing use and production only at levels that would not risk diminishing such values; and the Balanced Alternative, which was designed to provide a variety of uses within sustained-yield capabilities, and which represented a trade-off between uses with no constraints other than protection of fragile resources from irreversible decline. Within each of these alternatives are four multiple-use classifications: Class C = Controlled Use (Wilderness and Class C are considered identical for the purposes of the CDCA Plan); Class L = Limited Use; Class M = Moderate Use; and, Class I = Intensive Use.

In order to apply a multiple-use classification to each WSA, the wilderness values which resulted in a Quality Rating for each WSA were

re-analyzed against other resource values within each WSA. For example: when considering wilderness as one of the resources available in a given area, was that resource more valuable to the overall use of the area than the available mining resource? Than vehicular access? Than the public resource availability to public utilities? Than the agricultural resource of grazing? Of all the multiple resources and uses available in each WSA, which resource produced the "highest and best use," within the meaning of the objectives of the alternative?"

It was then necessary to assess the wilderness value in comparison with the other resource values. The emphasis given to the different resource values varied according to the overall objectives of each of the land use alternatives. For example, high mineral and grazing resource values were given greater consideration than all but the highest wilderness value under the Use Alternative. At the same time, cultural, wildlife, scenic and wilderness values were more heavily considered than other resources for the Protection Alternative.

The WSA proposals in the CDCA Draft Plan Alternatives reflect the culmination of the quality rating and multiple-use analysis in determining suitability or unsuitability for wilderness recommendations.

A matrix summarizing these results was published as Table W-1 on pages 81 and 82 of the CDCA Draft Plan Alternatives and Environmental Impact Statement. The Quality Rating is shown in Column 3 of that Table and the Multiple-Use Analysis is reflected, by classification, in Columns 4, 5 and 6, under the various land-use alternative headings.

Planning Process

One of the most important aspects of the Desert Planning effort is the concept of "polygons." Polygons are irregularly shaped geographic areas used to map data for analysis. Two types of polygons were developed for land-use planning in the Desert:

"Master Polygons" (planning units) are large areas whose boundaries are either man-made or natural features. There are 107 of these covering the Desert. They are easily identifiable and mapable areas designed purely as map references for analyzing different combinations of resources and uses during multiple-use analysis. They are simply a way of cataloging and filing diverse data. This approach is a common technique used in professional land-use planning.

"Resource Polygons" (resource units) are areas whose boundaries are determined by natural values--wildlife, soils, vegetation, minerals--or by man-made or administrative attributes--wilderness study areas, corridors, development sites, etc. These are usually smaller than Master Polygons. Resource specialists developed recommendations based on resource values or resource potential in the resource polygon, for example, the wilderness specialists for the wilderness polygons (WSAs), the wildlife specialists for wildlife polygons, etc. Where the interrelationships between animal and plant species and their environment are the main focus, these polygons can be considered the basis for ecosystem analysis.

Polygon boundaries for Wilderness Study areas, with few exceptions for manageability, are the same roadless area boundaries used in the Wilderness Inventory, as required by FLPMA.

Resource polygon boundaries and recommendations from each resource specialist were superimposed on the Master Polygons for geo-referencing. Overlaps and competing uses were noted and multiple-use recommendations developed for the resource values in each Master Polygon consistent with the emphasis of the Alternative - Use, Balanced, Protection.

The resource polygon boundaries in each Alternative were established and modified, through a series of reviews, according to the differing emphasis of each Alternative. Decisions and relevant data were categorized based on the fixed boundary of the Master Polygon. Because of this, data from some resource polygons can be found in more than one Master Polygon file. However, the integrity of each resource, e.g., habitat for Desert Bighorn Sheep, was considered throughout.

Using the Master Polygon as a base, the resource analysis was carried out and subsequent decisions made.

The analysis of WSAs during development of the CDCA Draft Plan Alternatives was no different than analyses of other resource values in the CDCA.

For each alternative the analysis of all resources progressed from Planning Concept to First-Cut Alternative Development to Second Cut Alternative Development to Management Review and Draft Alternative. The Draft Alternatives were published on February 15, 1980 and were reviewed by the public until May 15, 1980. They will be re-analyzed using these comments to develop the Proposed Plan.

A general explanation of the development of planning alternatives is outlined on page 18 of the CDCA Draft Plan Alternatives and Environmental Impact Statement. In addition, an example of how WSAs were analyzed is provided here for clarification and information purposes.

Using the three WSAs located in the Providence Mountains and Mid-Hills area of the CDCA as examples, the following table and maps reflect the varying analyses made throughout the development of the CDCA Draft Plan Alternatives:

Wilderness Study Area	Draft Plan Alternatives	Concept	First Cut	Second Cut	Management Review	Proposed Plan
262 So. Providence Mtn.	Protection	Class C	Change Yes ___ No x Class C	Change Yes ___ No x Class C	Change Yes x No Class C	To be determined
	Balanced		Class L	Change Yes ___ No x Class L	Change Yes x No Class C Class L	
	Use	Class L Class M	Change Yes x No Class L	Change Yes x No Class M	Change Yes ___ No x Class M	
263 Providence Mtn.	Protection	Class C	Change Yes ___ No x Class C	Change Yes x No Class C Class L	Change Yes ___ No x Class C Class L	
	Balanced		Class C Class L	Change Yes x No Class C Class L	Change Yes x No Class C Class L	
	Use	Class L Class M	Change Yes x No Class L	Change Yes x No Class L Class M	Change Yes ___ No x Class L Class M	
264 Mid Hills	Protection	Class C	Change Yes ___ No x Class C	Change Yes ___ No x Class C	Change Yes ___ No x Class C	
	Balanced		Class L	Change Yes ___ No x Class L	Change Yes x No Class C Class L	
	Use	Class M	Change Yes x No Class L	Change Yes ___ No x Class L	Change Yes ___ No x Class L	

Wilderess Study Area

Example

LOCATION MAP

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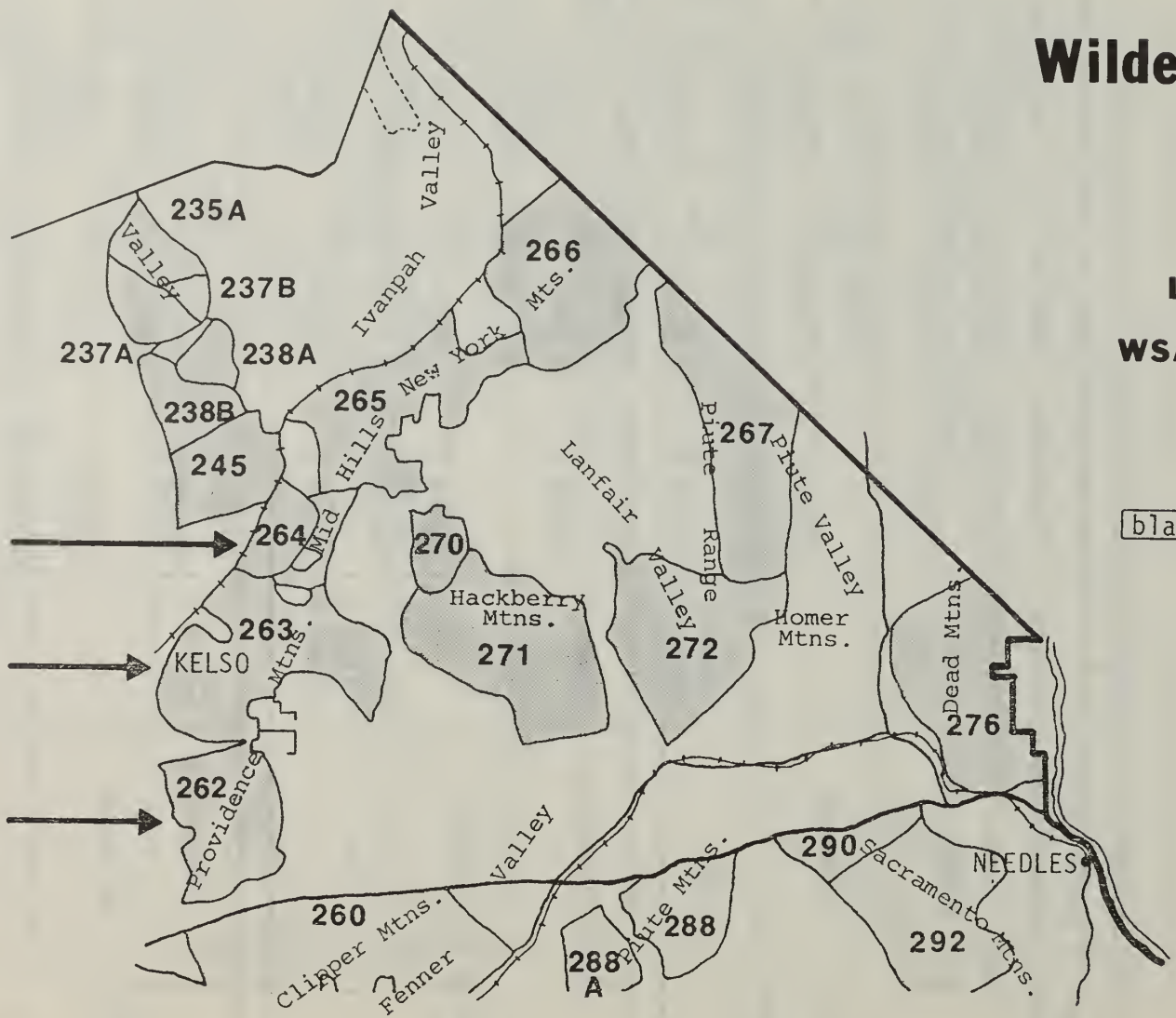

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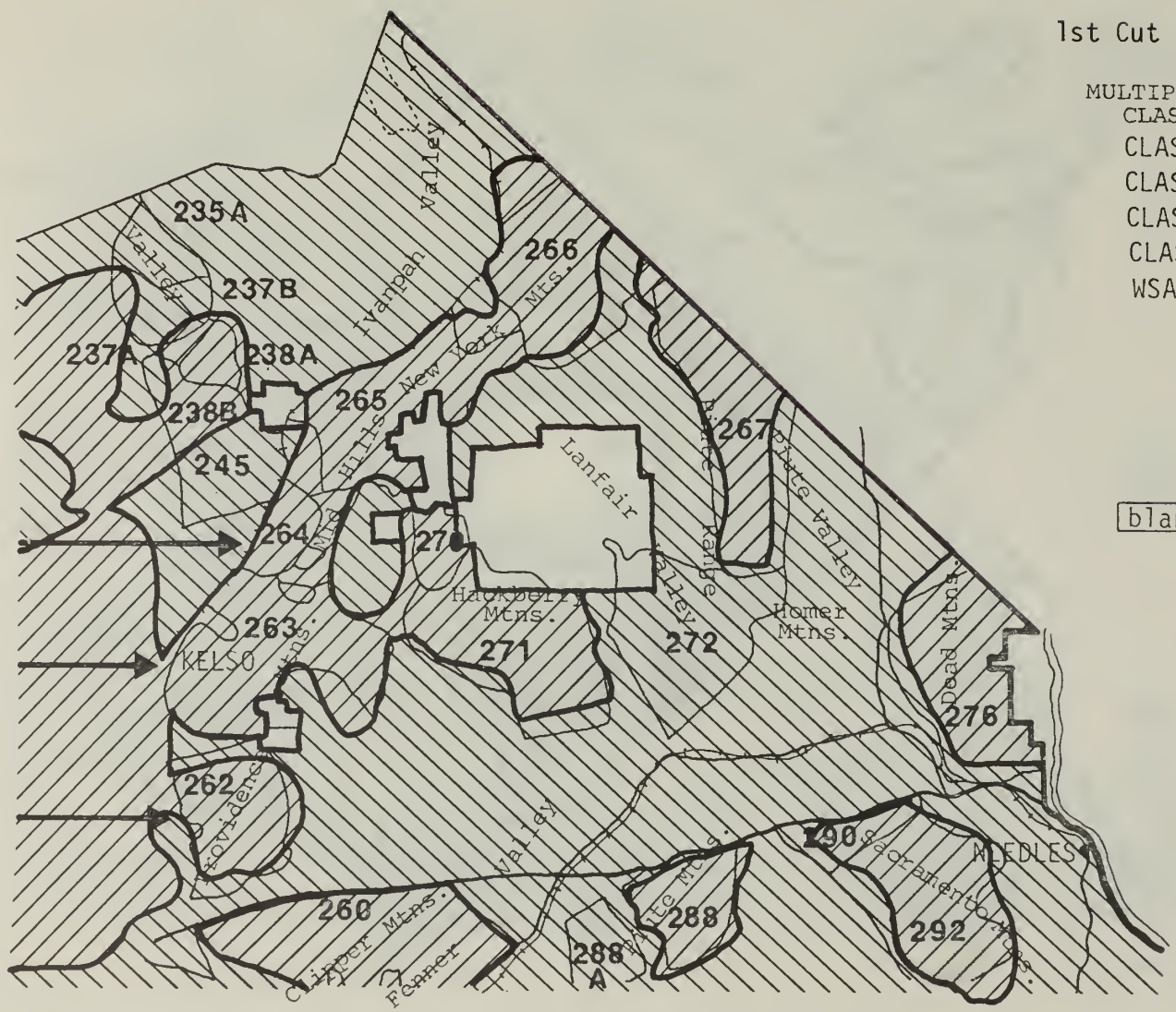

1st Cut Protection Alternative

MULTIPLE-USE CLASSES

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- CLASS L
- CLASS M
- CLASS I
- WSA 258A

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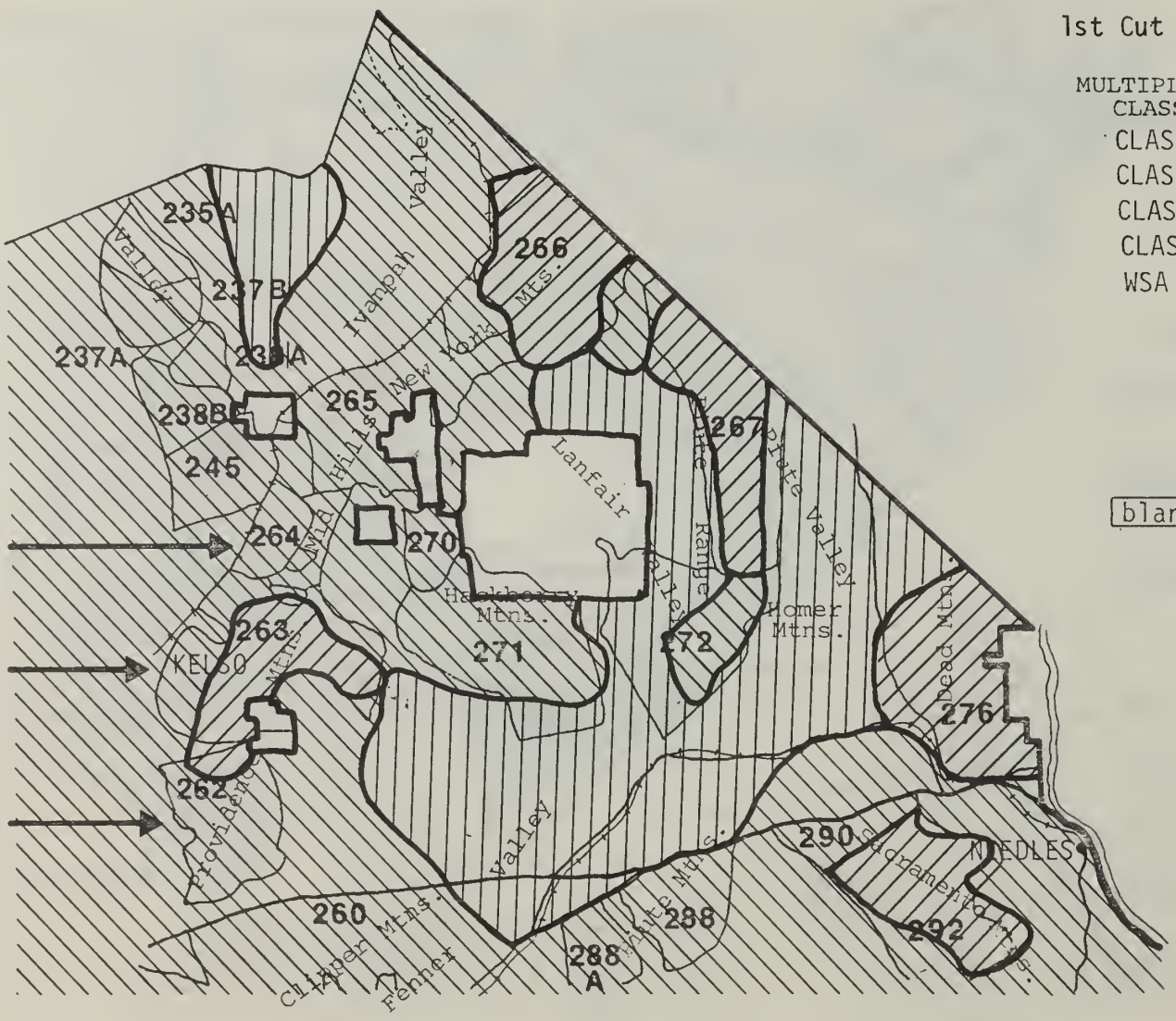

1st Cut Balanced Alternative

MULTIPLE-USE CLASSES

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- CLASS L
- CLASS M
- CLASS I
- WSA 258A

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WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

1st Cut Use Alternative

MULTIPLE-USE CLASSES

- CLASS C
- CLASS L
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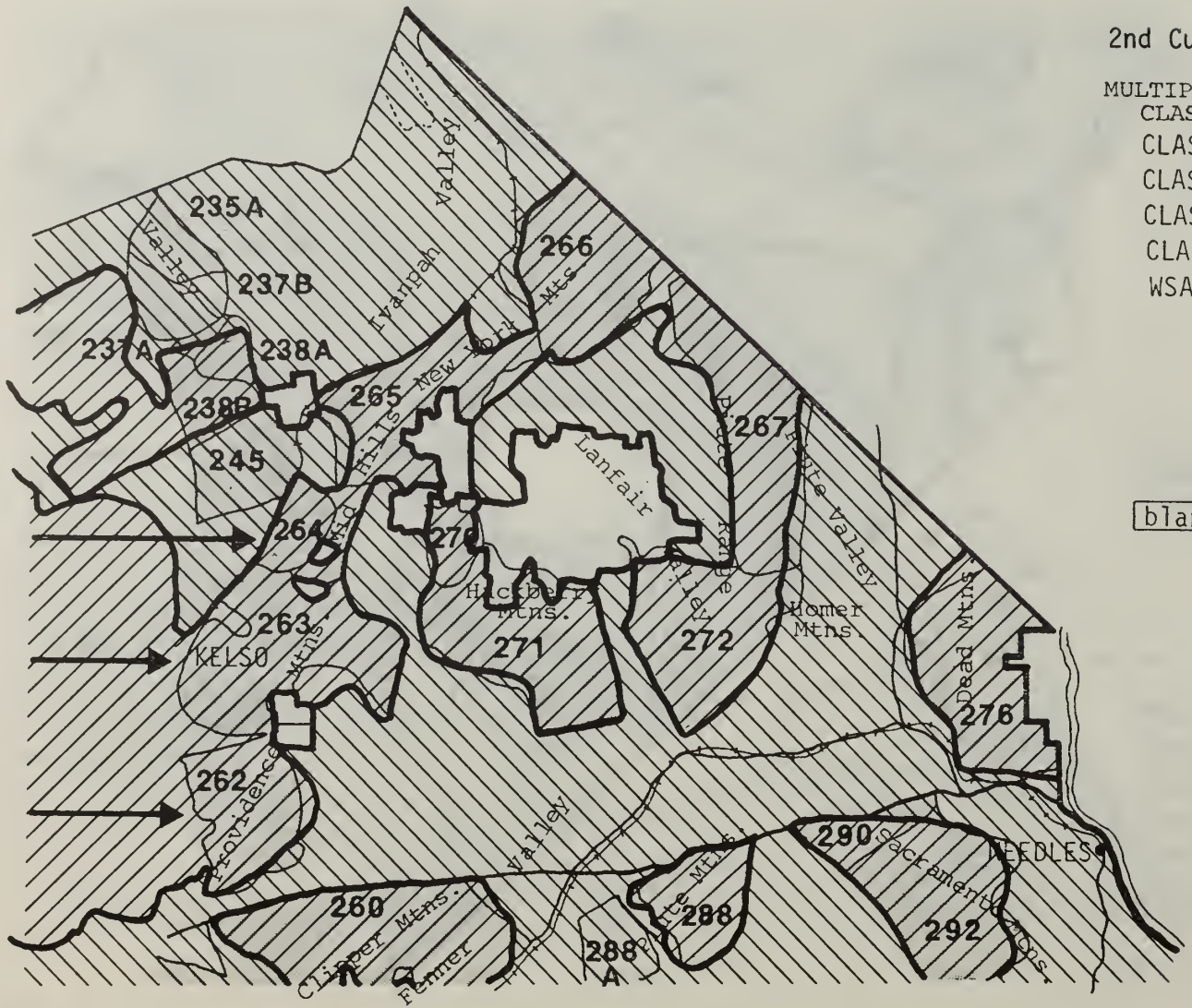

2nd Cut Protection Alternative

MULTIPLE-USE CLASSES

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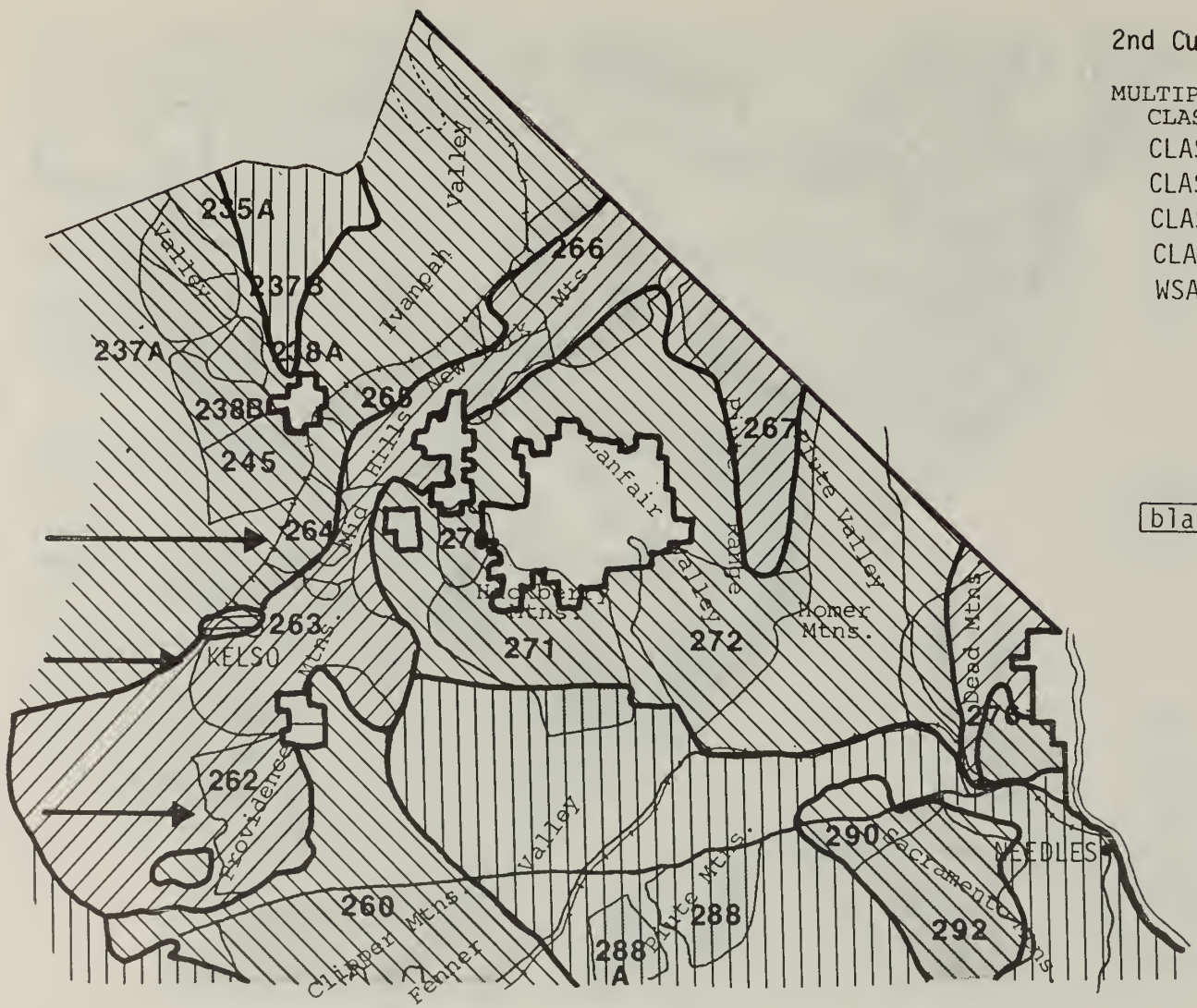

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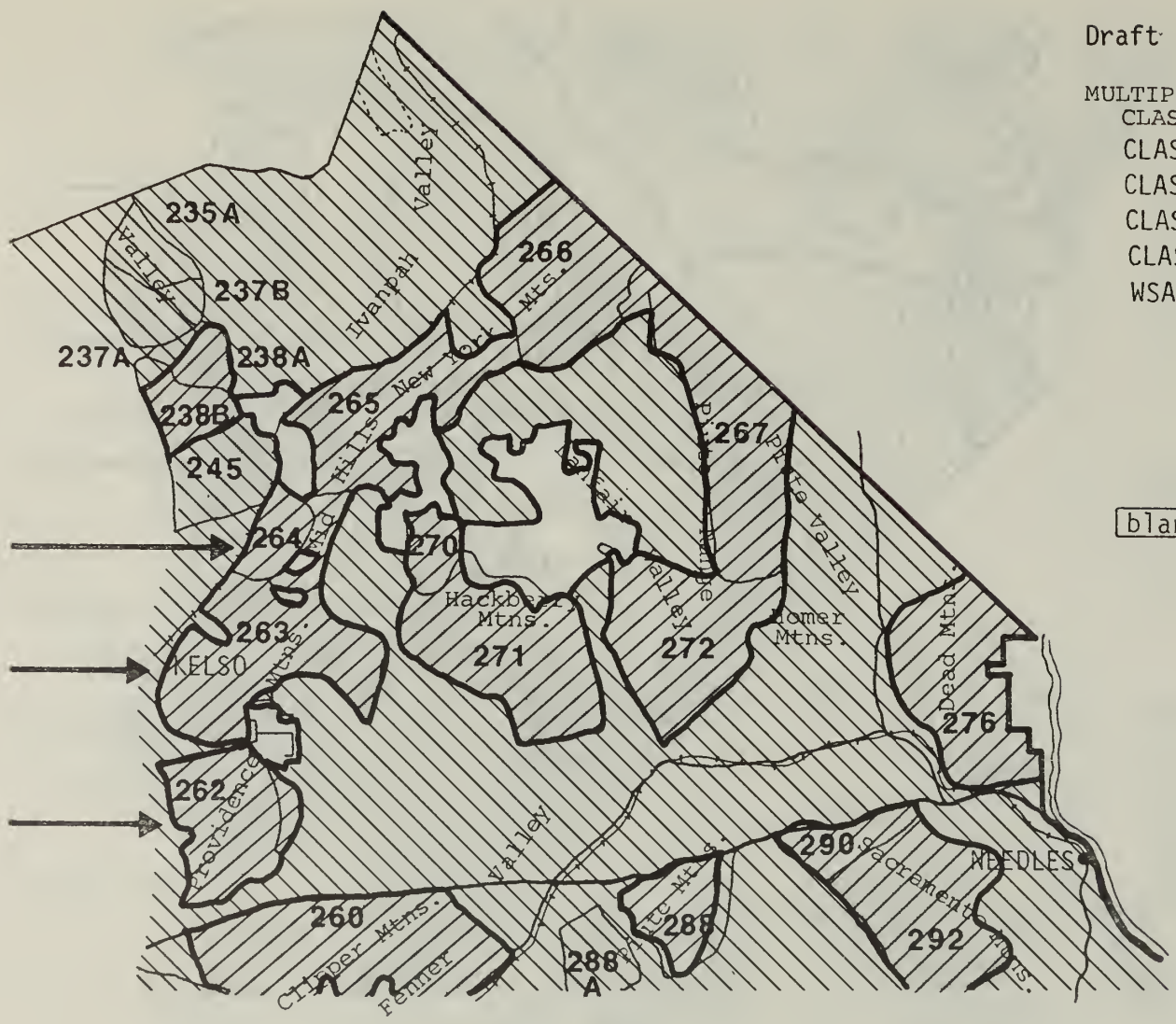

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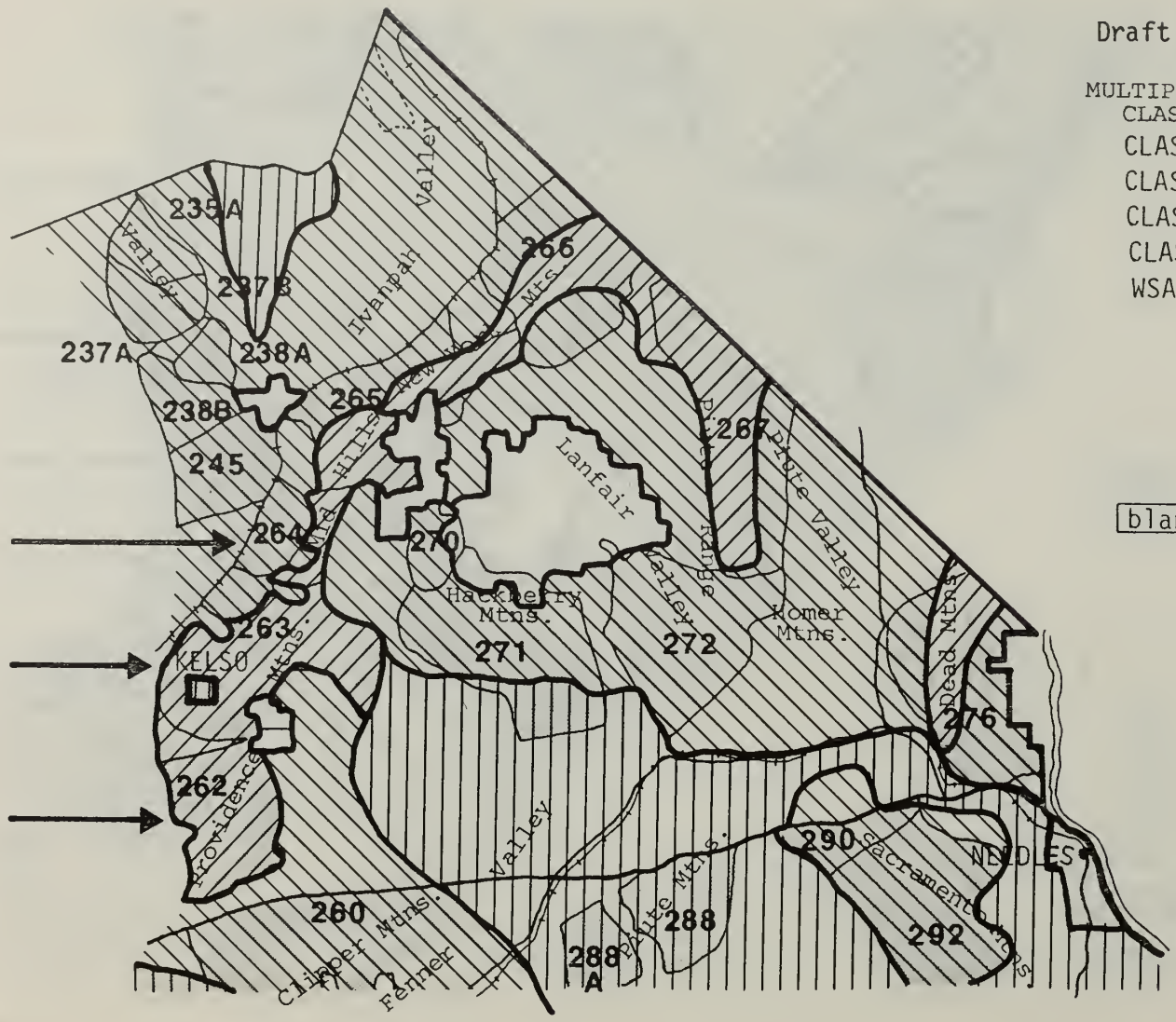

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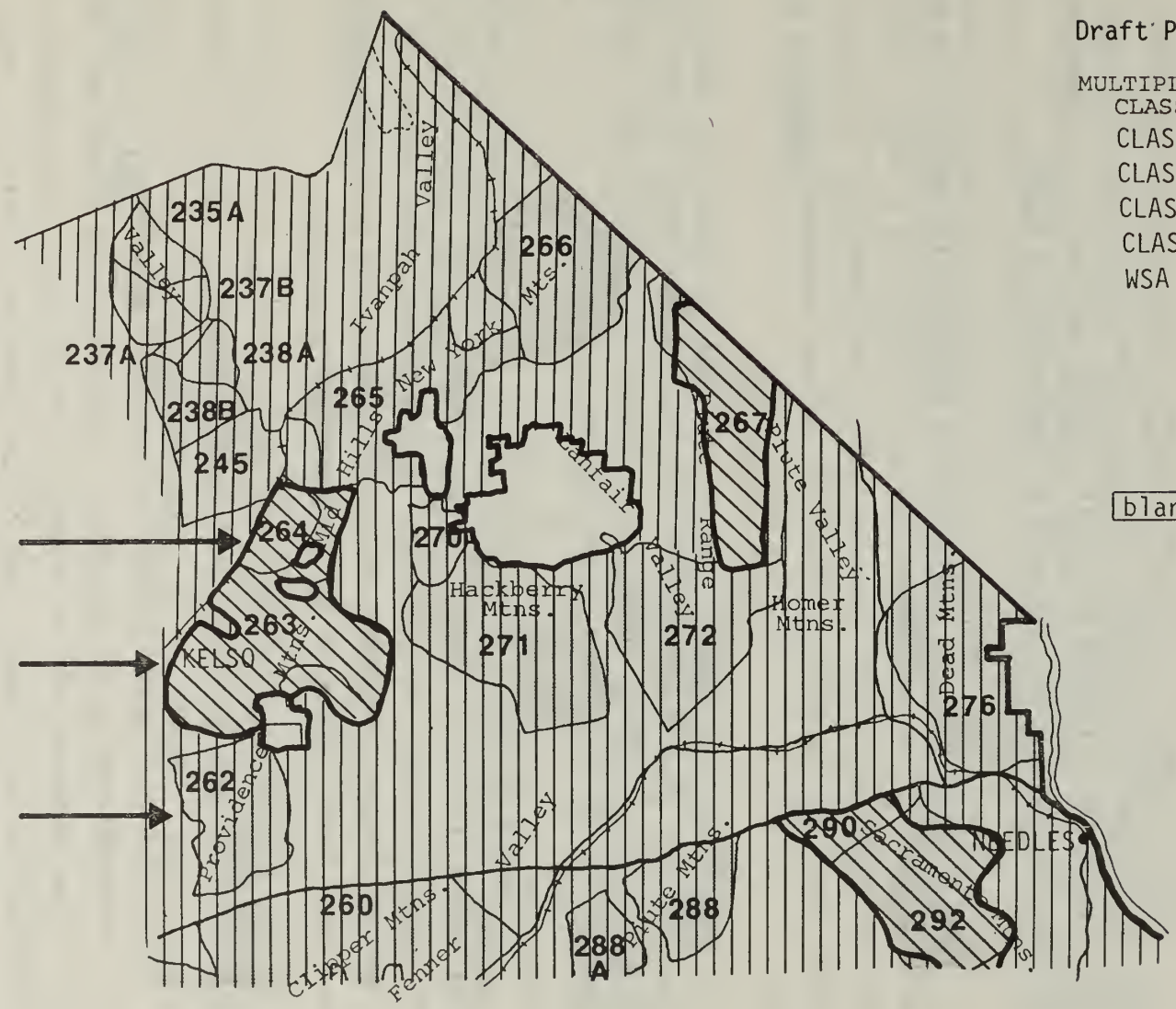

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WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

Comments received during the 90-day public review and comment period on the CDCA Draft Plan Alternatives and Draft Environmental Impact Statement are being evaluated by the Desert Planning Staff and BLM District officials, and will be incorporated into the planning process for development, review, and publication of the CDCA Proposed Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement.

During preparation of the Proposed Plan, Wilderness Study Areas will be re-analyzed together with all of the resources within the CDCA. This analysis will include the public comment applied to a re-assessment of the multiple use analysis mandated by Section 601 of FLPMA.

The Proposed Plan and Final EIS are scheduled for publication September 30, 1980. The publication will be followed by a 30-day review and comment period which will give the public an opportunity to provide additional input on the Proposed Plan for further assessment prior to a decision.

Approval of the Management Plan by the Secretary of the Interior scheduled for December 1980, will initiate the third, the "Reporting," phase of the BLM Wilderness Review Program in the CDCA.

It should be noted, that while other actions outlined in the Desert Plan become final upon approval by the Secretary, the recommendations as to the suitability and unsuitability of Wilderness Study Areas for formal Wilderness Designation remain that - recommendations to be made within two years in a formal Report to the President and Congress.

REPORTING PHASE

The reporting phase consists of actually forwarding, or reporting, the recommendations on suitability or unsuitablity for wilderness designation to the Secretary of the Interior. The Secretary will complete these recommendations and forward them to the President within two years, who then must forward his recommendations to the Congress within an additional two years. Only the Congress has the authority to actually designate any area as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Those areas

which Congress determines to be unsuitable for inclusion in the System will revert to management consistent with an appropriate Multiple Use Class after amendment of the Desert Plan.

Recommendations reported to the President, and then to the Congress, will be accompanied by mineral surveys and other data required by law.

A Wilderness Management Plan will be developed by BLM for each of the WSAs recommended as suitable for wilderness designation. This plan will include a prescription for management and will reference mineral surveys prepared by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines. A public involvement process will be developed so that the public will have full opportunity to become involved in the development of each Management Plan.

INTERIM MANAGEMENT

Congress has required that BLM manage those areas which meet the criteria in the law for identification as Wilderness Study Areas in such a way, and in accordance with existing law, so as not to impair their suitability for wilderness designation by Congress until the Congress has determined otherwise. Currently, and until Congress acts, all Wilderness Study Areas will be managed in accordance with the Bureau's Interim Management Policy published December 12, 1979.

WSA DOCUMENTATION

A file will be maintained for each WSA documenting the analysis throughout the planning process. These files, together with the Wilderness Inventory files, will provide the record for each WSA. The following format will be used:

DOCUMENTATION SUMMARY
WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

Wilderness Study Area #

I. Summary of WSA

A. Significant Resources Values

B. Valid Existing Rights

II. Wilderness Quality Analysis

A. Natural Condition

B. Outstanding opportunties for Solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of Recreation

C. Study Phase Evaluation factors

D. Scenic Quality

E. General Recreation

III. Impact Assessment within WSA

A. Suitable WSAs

B. Unsuitable WSAs

IV. Input & Recommendations & Reasons

A. Public Input

B. Intergovernmental Input

C. Planning Team Recommendations

D. Steering Committee Recommendations

E. Advisory Committee Recommendations

SUMMARY OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREA ANALYSES

As the maps depict, the development of land-use alternatives reflects the changes in multiple-use class boundaries depending on the emphasis of the alternative: Use, Balanced, or Protection. This analysis is documented for each WSA. The summary of that information is shown on pages 81 and 82 of the CDCA Draft Plan Alternatives and Environmental Impact Statement document, in matrix form. The paragraphs, at the end of this section, one for each of the 138 WSAs, summarize information on the Quality Rating and Multiple Use analyses of all resources for each WSA and the reasons for assigning a particular multiple-use class in each WSA under each alternatives.

WSA 100 - McAFEE CREEK (Polygon 1) ACRES: 456

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness, with greater emphasis placed on mineral exploration and development, grazing and vehicle-related recreation. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness because of maximum grazing values and the opportunity to protect wildlife, cultural and Native American values. (3) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness because of "poor" Quality Rating; however, the need to protect natural values was recognized.

WSA 100A - NORTH TIP (Polygon 1)
ACRES: 407

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness, with greater emphasis placed on mineral exploration and development, grazing and vehicle-related recreation. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness in favor of higher values for grazing. (3) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness because of "poor" Quality Rating, but need recognized for protection of natural values.

WSA 101 - TOLER CREEK (Polygon 1) ACRES: 897

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness, with greater emphasis placed on mineral exploration and development, grazing and vehicle-related recreation. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness because of maximum grazing values and the opportunity to protect wildlife, cultural and Native American values. (3) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness because of "poor" Quality Rating; however, the need to protect natural values was recognized.

WSA 102 - N.W. FISHLAKE VALLEY (Polygon 1) ACRES: 12,585

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	L & C

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness because of higher values for grazing and mineral exploration and potential development in the L Class and greater opportunity to develop the potential for grazing and minerals in the M Class. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness in order to more intensively develop grazing values. (3) 20 percent of the area recommended suitable for wilderness; 80 percent recommended unsuitable because of "poor" Quality Rating.

WSA 103 - WHITE MOUNTAIN (Polygon 1) ACRES: 7,784

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) 75 percent Class L to provide for grazing and mineral exploration while protecting wildlife, cultural, and Native American values. 25 percent Class M to provide for greater opportunity for mineral exploration and development, grazing and vehicle-related recreation. (2) 100 percent Class L to provide for grazing while still protecting wildlife, cultural and Native American values. (3) 75 percent recommended suitable for wilderness in order to protect natural values including bighorn sheep, riparian habitat, Native American, and soil as well as primitive values. 25 percent recommended suitable to protect natural values of the area.

WSA 104 - COTTONWOOD CREEK (Polygon 1) ACRES: 3,729

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M & L
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	L & C

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness with emphasis on 80 percent Class L of the land placed on protecting wildlife and Native American values while providing for mineral exploration and development and grazing. On the remaining 20 percent Class M greater emphasis was placed on mineral exploration and development, grazing and vehicle-related recreation. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness with emphasis placed on grazing while still protecting wildlife, cultural and Native American values. (3) 80 percent recommended suitable for wilderness to protect bighorn sheep, riparian habitat, soils, Native American values and primitive character. Remaining 20 percent found unsuitable, but placed in Class L to protect natural values.

WSA 105 - WYMAN CREEK (Polygon 1) ACRES: 5,729

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness, with greater emphasis placed on mineral exploration and development, grazing and vehicle-related recreation. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness because of maximum grazing values and the opportunity to protect wildlife, cultural and Native American values. (3) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness because of "poor" Quality Rating; however, the need to protect natural values was recognized.

WSA 107A - ANTELOPE SPRING (Polygon 1) ACRES: 851

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness, with greater emphasis placed on mineral exploration and development, grazing and vehicle-related recreation. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness because of maximum grazing values and the opportunity to protect wildlife, cultural and Native American values. (3) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness because of "poor" Quality Rating; however, the need to protect natural values was recognized.

WSA 111 - SYLVANIA MOUNTAINS (Polygon 2 & 5) ACRES: 14,943

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness with emphasis placed on management similar to the remainder of the Fish Lake Valley floor in Planning Polygon 2. The remaining 70 percent of the WSA which was in planning polygons was placed in Class L to provide for protection of soil, visual and Native American values. (2) Recommended as Class L for manageability purposes to correspond with adjacent Class L areas. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness to provide protection for bighorn sheep, rare plants, air quality, cultural, Native American, soils and wilderness values. Grazing demand was also considered.

WSA 112 - LAST CHANCE RANGE (Polygon 5) ACRES: 36,287

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness because of the values for grazing and mineral potential, but identified need to protect soils, visual quality and Native American values. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness due to the historically heavy mining activity in the southwest corner and the difficulty in managing for wilderness values. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness because of "good" Quality Rating in addition to protection of air quality, Native American, cultural, wildlife and soil values.

WSA 115 - PIPER MOUNTAIN (Polygon 3, 4 & 6) ACRES: 69,282

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) 95 percent in Class L to protect soils, cultural, scenic and Native American values while allowing grazing and mineral uses; 5 percent in Class M to provide for continued exploration and development of mineral potential, oil and gas, and grazing uses. (2) 97 percent in Class L to protect soils, cultural and scenic values and to allow for exploration of minerals and grazing uses; 3 percent in Class M to provide for continued mineral development. (3) 97 percent in Class C to protect good wilderness, wildlife, vegetation, scenic and cultural values; 3 percent in Class L (western edge) to protect wildlife and soils values while permitting grazing.

WSA 117 - SALINE VALLEY (Polygon 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, & 12) ACRES: 405,215

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Suitable	C, L & M
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C, L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Preponderance of the area recommended suitable for wilderness due to "outstanding" Quality Rating. The major exception is the Saline Valley floor which was Class M to provide for known energy and mineral potential. Another Class M exception was Hanging Rock Canyon which has active mines. A Class L exception to the suitability allows for existing mining in Marble Canyon. The part of the area on the floor of Death Valley was also made Class L to provide a manageable buffer for the wilderness boundary. (2) Approximately the same area was recommended suitable for wilderness. All of the areas excluded from the wilderness recommendation were in Class L to better protect natural and cultural values while allowing some access and development, except Marble Canyon which was put in Class M due to mining activity. (3) The entire area was recommended suitable for wilderness in recognition of the "outstanding" Quality Rating.

WSA 117A - LOWER SALINE (Polygon 12) ACRES: 6,560

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M, L
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Emphasis on providing for known energy and mineral potentials on the valley floor. Grazing received greater emphasis in the mountainous 20 percent of the area and that portion was recommended unsuitable due to the need for management of springs to control burro populations. (2) Recommended for Class L based on a need for protection of natural, scenic, cultural and Native American values while allowing for management of grazing and burro populations. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness in recognition of cultural, Native American, soils and air quality values.

WSA 118 - N. Death Valley (Polygon 8) ACRES: 7,951

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness and provides for exploration and potential mineral development. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and provides for major grazing demands. (3) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and provides for major grazing demands.

WSA 119 - LITTLE SAND SPRINGS (Polygon 8) ACRES: 32,876

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness and provides for exploration and potential mineral development in the northern 35 percent of the area. The remaining 65 percent in the south is also recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and recognizes the area's importance for grazing. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and provides for major grazing demands. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness and provides for the protection of outstanding wilderness values and grazing that is compatible with wilderness.

WSA 120 - WACOBA WASH (Polygon 10) ACRES: 11,465

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Emphasis placed on provision for grazing use demands, while protecting cultural, Native American, soil and wildlife values. (2) Emphasis placed on protection of resources while allowing proper management practices for grazing demands. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness to protect air quality, cultural, Native American, soils, vegetation and wilderness values.

WSA 121 - SALINE DUNES (Polygon 12) ACRES: 5,760

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Emphasis on providing for known energy and mineral potentials on the valley floor. Grazing received greater emphasis in the mountainous 20 percent of the area and that portion was recommended unsuitable due to the need for management of springs to control burro populations. (2) Recommended for Class L based on a need for protection of natural, scenic, cultural and Native American values while allowing for management of grazing and burro populations. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness in recognition of cultural, Native American, soils and air quality values.

WSA 122 - INYO MOUNTAINS (Polygon 10) ACRES: 87,145

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness with emphasis placed on existing mining activity or high mineral potential and high recreation demand on land on or immediately adjoining the Saline Valley floor (20 percent). On the remaining 80 percent, emphasis placed on protection of cultural, Native American, soils, and wildlife values while allowing for grazing use demands. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness, with emphasis on protection of resources while allowing for grazing use demands. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness to protect air quality, cultural, Native American, soils, vegetation and wilderness values except for a small area near Lee Flat which was recommended Class L to protect resource values and allow full grazing potential.

WSA 123 - HUNTER MOUNTAIN (Polygon 12) ACRES: 23,604

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Emphasis on providing for known energy and mineral potentials on the valley floor. Grazing received greater emphasis in the mountainous 80 percent of the area and that portion was recommended unsuitable due to the need for management of springs to control burro populations. (2) Recommended for Class L based on a need for protection of natural, scenic, cultural and Native American values while allowing for management of grazing and burro populations. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness in recognition of cultural, Native American, soils and air quality values.

WSA 124 - CERRO GORDO PEAK (Polygon 13) ACRES: 56,690

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness and provided for the mineral potential and high grazing demand. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness because of high vehicle use and the presence of mineral activity and level of development. (3) 65 percent recommended suitable for wilderness; 35 percent recommended unsuitable in order to provide for mineral development.

WSA 127 - PANAMINT DUNES (Polygon 14 & 15) ACRES: 90,427

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L, M & I
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C, L, M & I
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) Approximately 5 percent recommended Class I to accommodate existing vehicle-related recreation; 60 percent in Class M, recognizing minerals, oil and gas values, intensive recreation use, and demands for dunes area; 35 percent in Class L to protect sensitive species and cultural values and provide for grazing. (2) 1 percent in Class I to allow recreational use of dunes; 65 percent in Class L to protect values surrounding dunes and provide for grazing as primary use demand; 5 percent in Class M to accommodate limited lake bed recreation use (sand sailing); 24 percent in Class C to protect wilderness values and manageability considerations along the Panamint (topographic break with valley). (3) Approximately 75 percent of the WSA is Class C to protect "outstanding" wilderness, cultural, Native American, soils, sensitive wildlife values and resources values on the dunes. 25 percent is Class L to provide for grazing with protection of Native American and soil values.

WSA 130 - NORTH COSO RANGE (Polygon 16) ACRES: 8,102

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	M
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) The WSA was recommended as unsuitable to provide for geothermal development and ORV use. (2) The WSA was recommended as unsuitable to provide for mining exploration and development and for grazing. (3) The WSA was recommended as unsuitable for wilderness because of its poor rating but the need to protect sensitive wildlife and Native American values was recognized.

WSA 131 - COSO RANGE (Polygon 16) ACRES: 24,873

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness (Class M) to provide for geothermal development and vehicle-related recreation. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness with about 65 percent in Class L to provide primarily for grazing while providing protection for wildlife, cultural, soils, and scenic qualities. The remaining 35 percent is in Class M to provide for mining exploration and development and grazing use. (3) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness because of "poor" Quality Rating, but recognized the need to protect sensitive wildlife and Native American values.

WSA 132 - GREAT FALLS BASIN (Polygon 26) ACRES: 5,972

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness because of the "fair" Quality Rating and the need to provide controlled access for mineral development. (2) Recommended suitable for wilderness to protect wilderness values and high scenic and recreational qualities. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness to protect wilderness values and high scenic and recreational qualities.

WSA 132A - DARWIN FALLS (Polygon 23) ACRES: 8,319

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness to provide for mining and recreational vehicle access. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness to provide for the protection of cultural, Native American, wildlife, vegetation and scenic values and sensitive soils. Not recommended suitable for wilderness because of indefinable boundaries. (3) Protect wilderness, cultural, Native American, scenic, and soil values. Mineral potential is rated low. About 5 percent on the southwest side is recommended unsuitable (Class L) for wilderness to provide for grazing and geothermal potential.

WSA 132B - N. ARGUS RANGE (Polygon 23) ACRES: 21,099

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness to provide for mining and recreational vehicle access. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness to provide for the protection of cultural, Native American, wildlife, vegetation and scenic values and sensitive soils. Wilderness not recommended because of indefinable boundaries. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness to protect wilderness, cultural, Native American, scenic and soil values. Mineral potential is low. The southern sub-unit was expanded about 5 percent on the east side. About 5 percent on the southeast corner of the northern sub-unit in Class L to provide for grazing and geothermal potential.

WSA 134 - WILDROSE CANYON (Polygon 24) ACRES: 36,949

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L, M & I
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C, L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Mountainous portion recommended unsuitable for wilderness, but was protected in Class L because of cultural, Native American, vegetation and wildlife values. With the exception of the dry lake bed, the remainder of the area was recommended unsuitable for wilderness and put in Class M to provide for mineral development and recreational access. The lake bed was in Class I to correspond with Planning Polygon 15. (2) Mountainous portion was recommended suitable for wilderness to protect sensitive plants and cultural, Native American, wilderness and soils values. The remainder recommended unsuitable and, with the exception of the dry lake bed, was put in Class L to protect cultural, Native American, soil, and vegetation values. The lake bed was put in Class M to conform to similar treatment in Planning Polygon 15. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness due to "outstanding" Quality Rating. Public input indicated that existing highways would be the best boundaries.

WSA 136 - SURPRISE CANYON (Polygon 25) ACRES: 52,696

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Emphasis on 60 percent of the area was placed on protection of cultural, Native American, soils and wildlife values while providing for grazing, mineral and recreational uses. The remaining 40 percent provided for mineral development around Panamint City and on the valley floor. (2) Emphasis was placed on protecting resource values while allowing for use desires. (3) Expanded the area by 25 percent to include adjoining portions of the Panamint Range as suitable for wilderness to protect a desert/mountain ecosystem. Riparian habitat, cultural, Native American and soils values were recommended as important.

WSA 137 - MANLY PEAK (Polygon 25) ACRES: 33,390

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Emphasis placed on protecting cultural, Native American, soils and wildlife values while providing for grazing, mineral exploration and development and recreational uses. (2) Emphasis was placed on protecting resource values while allowing for use desires due to numerous "cherry stems" and lower quality wilderness attributes. (3) Expanded the area by less than 5 percent to include adjoining portions of the Panamint Range recommended as suitable for wilderness to protect a desert/mountain ecosystem. Riparian habitat, cultural, Native American and soils values were recommended as important.

WSA 137A - MIDDLE PEAK (Polygon 25) ACRES: 8,532

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Emphasis was placed on protecting cultural, Native American, soils and wildlife values while providing for grazing, mineral exploration and development and recreational uses except for a small area adjacent to the floor of Panamint Valley which was in Class M to allow for mineral development. (2) Emphasis was placed on protecting resource values while allowing for use desires due to numerous "cherry stems" and "fair" Quality Rating. (3) Expanded the area by 10 percent to include adjoining portions of the Panamint Range recommended as suitable for wilderness to protect a desert/mountain ecosystem. Riparian habitat, cultural, Native American and soil values were recommended as important.

WSA 142 - SLATE RANGE (Polygon 24, 25 & 26) ACRES: 89,528

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2) BALANCED - Suitable	C, L & M
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) The Slate Range and Panamint Valley floor portion (70 percent) were placed in Class M to provide for mineral development and recreational access. The remaining 30 percent in the Panamint Range had lower mineral values; therefore, protection of cultural, Native American, vegetation and wildlife values received emphasis in Class L. (2) The Slate Range portion (35 percent) was placed in Class L to protect resources while allowing for strong local mining and recreation values. The Panamint Valley portion (35 percent) was placed in Class M to allow development of various leaseable minerals in consideration of low resource values present. The remaining 30 percent in the Panamint Range was recommended as suitable for wilderness values to protect scenic, soil, cultural and Native American values; rare, threatened and endangered species; and, unique plant assemblages. Small areas in Goler Canyon and at Meyers Ranch were also recommended as suitable for wilderness. (3) The entire area, plus two small additional areas were recommended suitable for wilderness to protect the scenic values of the Slate Range and important desert/mountain ecosystems including riparian habitats, cultural, Native American and soils values.

WSA 143 - FUNERAL MOUNTAINS (Polygon 42) ACRES: 46,529

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2) BALANCED - Suitable	C, L & M
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) 20 percent in Class M to provide for mineral exploration and development and vehicular access; 80 percent in Class L to provide for mineral development an dto limit vehicles to designated roads and trails while protecting high cultural, soil and wildlife values. (2) 15 percent in Class M along the south edge to place the valley in a uniform-use class with existing power lines, borrow pits and other uses; 25 percent in Class L to provide for minerals development while protecting natural and cultural values; 60 percent in Class C to protect wilderness values. (3) 10 percent in Class L to protect cultural, soil, vegetation and wildlife values; 90 percent in Class C to protect wilderness, Native American, wildlife, cultural and soil values. Class C was expanded easterly outside the boundaries.

WSA 145 - RESTING SPRING RANGE (Polygon 44) ACRES: 85,082

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2) BALANCED - Suitable	C, L & M
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) 80 percent in Class L to permit mineral exploration and development while protecting sensitive values; 20 percent in Class M to provide for mineral exploration and development and recreation on existing roads and trails. (2) 75 percent is recommended suitable for wilderness due to "outstanding" Quality Rating; 15 percent in Class L to protect sensitive values while improving wilderness management and recognizing mineral values; 10 percent in Class M to provide for exploration and development of oil and gas, minerals, and potential geothermal values and to provide access on existing roads and trails. (3) 90 percent is recommended for wilderness due to "outstanding" Quality Rating and high natural and cultural values. Wilderness area expanded about 5 percent on the south end. About 10 percent in Class L to protect natural values of area including rare plants, but not made Class C because of adjacent Class L lands and manageability.

WSA 147 - GREENWATER RANGE (Polygons 43 & 45) ACRES: 123,131

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L&M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L&M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C&L

(1) 50 percent recommended unsuitable for wilderness. Provides for the exploration & development of minerals in addition to providing access for recreation & prospecting on existing roads & trails. The remaining 50 percent also recommended unsuitable for wilderness. Provides for exploration & development of minerals while protecting sensitive natural values & cultural resources. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness. Provides for exploration & development of minerals & continuation of existing mineral activity. (3) 95 percent recommended suitable for wilderness due to "fair" Quality Rating , natural, and cultural values. Remaining 5 perent recommended unsuitable for wilderness. Provides for vehicle - related recreation.

WSA 148 - GREENWATER VALLEY (Polygon 46) ACRES: 54,022

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L&M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) 80 percent Class M to provide for mineral and oil and gas development and use of existing roads and trails for prospecting and recreation. 20 percent Class L to permit mineral development while protecting sensitive resource values. (2) Class L because of difficulty in managing as Class C due to mineral activities & related impacts. (3) Class C due to "outstanding" Quality Rating and Death Valley National Monument.

WSA 149 - IBEX HILLS (Polygon 47) ACRES: 33,929

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	I&M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	I&M
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) and (2) 5 percent in Class I due to existing mineral activities. 95 percent in Class M to provide for mineral development potential and recreational vehicle access. (3) 5 percent in Class M to provide for mineral development in area with existing mineral activities. 95 percent in Class L to protect natural and cultural values.

WSA 149A - IBEX SPRINGS (Polygon 47) ACRES: 2,346

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	M
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) and (2) Class M to provide for mineral development and recreational vehicle access. (3) Class L to protect natural and cultural values.

WSA 150 - NOPAH RANGE (Polygon 48) ACRES: 109,701

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Suitable	M&C
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C&L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended the mountains of the Nopah Range and the portion of Pahrump Valley located west of the historic train road suitable for wilderness due to "outstanding" Quality Rating. Remaining 75 percent recommended Class M to provide for mineral exploration and development along with recreation and grazing access. (2) The eastern boundary of the Class C area was moved back to the base of the Nopah Range. The Class C area was expanded westward to include most of the Chicago Valley and southern Resting Spring Range and create a mountain/valley complex of wilderness values. The remaining 40 percent was recommended Class L to allow recreation and grazing access while protecting several identified natural and cultural values. (3) "Outstanding" Quality Rating recommended the area suitable for wilderness.

WSA 150A - S. NOPAH RANGE (Polygon 48) ACRES: 13,779

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M&I
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L&M
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended 70 percent be included in Class M to provide for mineral exploration and development along with recreation and grazing access. The remainder was recommended Class I to allow for intensive mineral and energy development. (2) Emphasis placed on mineral development and exploration in a high potential, historically - used mining area. 10 percent in Class L due to several identified natural and cultural values while allowing grazing improvements, and vehicle access for recreation and prospecting. (3) Recommended unsuitable for wilderenss due to "poor" Quality Rating and poor manageability, but Class L gives protection to identified natural and cultural values.

WSA 154 - PAHRUMP VALLEY (Polygon 50) ACRES: 33,914

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	M
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) and (2) Class M to provide for mineral and oil and gas developments, grazing uses and vehicle use on existing roads and trails. (3) Class L to protect 5 species of sensitive wildlife, soils, Native American values, and unique plant assemblages.

WSA 156 - OWLSHEAD MTNS (Polygon 53) ACRES: 113,901

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C&L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended Class L to protect natural and cultural values. Area open for mineral exploration & development and vehicle access on designated roads and trails. Low mineral and grazing values. (2) 99 percent recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "outstanding" Quality Rating and cultural, Native American, soil, and air quality values. Small boundary adjustments made on southeast corner. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness due to "outstanding" Quality Rating, adjacent to Death Valley National Monument and unique ecosystems and riparian habitat.

WSA 157 - LITTLE LAKE CANYON (Polygon 17) ACRES: 25,207

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	L
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) and (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness to provide for major grazing demand. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness due to "good" Quality Rating and to provide for high primitive recreation values.

WSA 158 - OWENS PEAK (Polygon 18) ACRES: 36,023

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	L&M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness with emphasis on grazing, vehicle - related recreation, a major utility corridor and mineral development. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness with emphasis on grazing. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness due to "good" Quality Rating, wildlife, cultural, & Native American values.

WSA 159 - LOW HEAVEN (Polygon 19) ACRES: 5,444

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class M for manageability and intensive grazing management. (2) Class L to provide protection for cultural, Native American, soil, vegetation, wildlife, and scenic values while providing significant grazing use. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness to provide protection of air quality, cultural, Native American, soils, unique plant communities, and sensitive wildlife species. Transition area between the Sierra-Nevada Mountains and the Mojave Desert.

WSA 160 - HORSE CANYON (Polygon 19) ACRES: 4,067

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class M for manageability and intensive grazing management. (2) Class L to provide protection for cultural, Native American, soil, vegetation, wildlife, and scenic values while providing significant grazing use. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness to provide protection of air quality, cultural, Native American, soils, unique plant communities, and sensitive wildlife species. Transition area between the Sierra-Nevada Mountains and the Mojave Desert.

WSA 160B - KELSO PEAK (Polygon 19) ACRES: 6,826

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Class M for manageability and intensive grazing management. (2) Class L to provide protection for cultural, Native American, soil, vegetation, wildlife, and scenic values while providing significant grazing use. (3) Recommended Class L to provide for recreation and grazing uses while protecting Native American, wildlife and vegetation values.

WSA 160C - SKINNER PEAK (Polygon 19) ACRES: 1,036

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class M for manageability and intensive grazing management. (2) Class L to provide protection for cultural, Native American, soil, vegetation, wildlife, and scenic values while providing significant grazing use. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness to provide protection of air quality, cultural, Native American, soils, unique plant communities, and sensitive wildlife species. Transition area between the Sierra-Nevada Mountains and the Mojave Desert.

WSA 163 - FROG CREEK (Polygon 19) ACRES: 9,225

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class M for manageability and intensive grazing management. (2) Class L to provide protection for cultural, Native American, soil, vegetation, wildlife, and scenic values while providing significant grazing use. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness to provide protection of air quality, cultural, Native American, soils, unique plant communities, and sensitive wildlife species. Transition area between the Sierra-Nevada Mountains and the Mojave Desert. Expanded 10 percent on northeast and northwest sides to consolidate with WSAs 160 and 160C.

WSA 164 - EL PASO MTNS (Polygon 20) ACRES: 17,064

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	L&M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C&L

(1) 30 percent in Class M to provide for mineral development and vehicle - related recreation use; 70 percent in Class L to permit sheep grazing. (2) Class L to allow for guzzler maintenance, grazing & minerals development. Resource protection provided through management flexibility for cultural, Native American, soils, vegetation and wildlife. (3) 30 percent in Class L for recreation and grazing uses with recognition of cultural, Native American, soils and wildlife values. 70 percent in Class C plus an expansion of Class C outside the area due to "good" Quality Rating, earlier primitive area designation and cultural, Native American, soils and wildlife.

WSA 170 - GOLDEN VALLEY (Polygon 28) ACRES: 32,208

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	I, L & M
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C&M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness with 40 percent of the area providing opportunities for intense exploration and mineral development and vehicle - related recreation use. (2) 75 percent recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "outstanding" Quality Rating. Remaining 25 percent recommended as unsuitable for wilderness, but provides opportunities for mineral exploration and development as well as vehicle - related recreation use. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness due to "outstanding" Quality Rating.

WSA 172 - RED MOUNTAIN (Polygon 28) ACRES: 7,040

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	I&M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness and provides for intense mineral exploration and development on 15 percent of the area with opportunities for mineral development and vehicle - related recreation use on the remaining 85 percent. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness. Provides for scenic and wildlife values and sensitive plants while providing grazing opportunities and mineral development. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness due to "fair" Quality Rating.

WSA 173 - BLACKWATER WELL (Polygon 28) ACRES: 7,260

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and provides opportunities for vehicle - related recreational use, mineral exploration, and mineral development. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness. Provides for scenic and wildlife values and sensitive plants while providing grazing opportunities and mineral development. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness due to "good" Quality Rating.

WSA 173A - GRASS VALLEY (Polygon 28) ACRES: 13,875

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and provides opportunities for vehicle - related recreational use, mineral exploration, and mineral development. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness. Provides for scenic and wildlife values and sensitive plants while providing grazing opportunities and mineral development. (3) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness. Provides for scenic and wildlife values and sensitive plants while providing grazing opportunities and mineral development.

WSA 184 - OACHE PEAK (Polygon 19)

WSA was deleted from further consideration after the evaluation of protests received after the publication of the Final CDCA Wilderness Inventory in March 1979. This roaded area did not qualify as a WSA. Notice of the deletion was published December 27, 1979, as part of the "Amendments and Clarifications" of The CDCA Wilderness Inventory. Shown in wilderness element table; not shown on wilderness element maps.

WSA 186C - BLACK MTN (Polygon 32) ACRES: 7,602

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class M to provide for motorized recreation on existing roads & trails & mineral development. (2) Class L to protect scenic quality, Native American, cultural, and wildlife values. (3) Class C due to "good" Quality Rating and cultural & Native American values.

WSA 206 - NEWBERRY MTN (Polygon 39) ACRES: 21,968

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L&M
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended Class L to permit mineral exploration and development, limited vehicle access and grazing while protecting identified cultural and natural values. Class M along the eastern boundary to provide for mineral exploration and development. (2) and (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness due to "good" Quality Rating.

WSA 207 - RODMAN MTN (Polygon 39) ACRES: 25,037

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L&M
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended Class L to permit mineral exploration and development, limited vehicle access and grazing while protecting identified cultural and natural values. Class M along the eastern boundary to provide for mineral exploration and development. (2) and (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness due to "good" Quality Rating.

WSA 217 - BIGHORN MTN (Polygon 41) ACRES: 53,219

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class L to allow grazing improvements, mineral exploration and development, and vehicle access on designated roads and trails while protecting natural and cultural values. (2) Same as #1. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to natural values and "outstanding" Quality Rating. Area expanded slightly along south edge.

WSA 218 - MORONGO (Polygon 85) ACRES: 6,400

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	I
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class L to provide access for grazing, burro management, recreation and mineral developments while protecting natural resources. (2) Class L to protect natural resources while providing access for burro management and maintenance of grazing facilities. (3) Class C to protect wilderness qualities.

WSA 218A - WHITEWATER (Polygon 85) ACRES: 9,610

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	L
(2) BALANCED - Suitable	C
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class L to provide access for grazing, burro management, recreation and mineral developments while protecting natural resources. (2), (3) Class C to protect "outstanding" Wilderness Quality

WSA 219 - SADDLE PEAK (Polygon 47) ACRES: 8,611

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	M
(3) PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) and (2) Class M to provide for mineral development and recreational vehicle access. (3) Class L to protect natural and cultural values.

WSA 220 - SOUTH SADDLEPEAK MTNS (Polygon 47) ACRES: 5,320

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	M
(3) PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) and (2) Class M to provide mineral development and recreational vehicle access. (3) Class L to protect natural and cultural values.

WSA 221 - AVAWATZ MTN (Polygon 54) ACRES: 87,831

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L&M
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C&L

(1) Class M to permit the continued mineral development. (2) 70 percent Class M due to minerals values and vehicle - related recreation, 30 percent Class L to permit mineral development while protecting scenic, scientific/educational, recreation, wildlife (Bighorn Sheep) and soils values. (3) 2 percent Class L to protect resource values while permitting a utility corridor. 98 percent Class C to protect natural and cultural values. Expansion outside WSA for better manageability.

WSA 221A - S. AVAWATZ MTN (Polygon 54) ACRES: 29,435

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L&M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C&L

(1) Class M to permit the continued mineral development. (2) 50 percent Class M due to minerals values, vehicle - related recreation and a utility corridor. In southern area, 50 percent Class L to protect bighorn sheep and soils while permitting a utility corridor. (3) 20 percent is Class L to protect resource values while permitting a utility corridor. 80 percent Class C to protect natural and cultural values. Slight expansion outside WSA in northwest corner.

WSA 222 - KINGSTON MTN (Polygons 49, 52 & 55) ACRES: 255,058

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Suitable	C&M
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C&L&M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C&L

(1) 85 percent Class M to permit mineral and oil/gas development, livestock grazing and vehicle - related recreation on existing roads & trails. 15 percent Class C to protect resource values & "outstanding" Quality Rating with low potential for vehicle access. (2) 45 percent Class M to provide for minerals activities and the impracticability of managing as Class L due to existing vehicle - related recreation. 40 percent Class L to protect soils, wildlife and vegetation values while allowing livestock grazing facilities and mineral activities. 15 percent Class C to protect natural values and "outstanding" Quality Rating with low potential for vehicle access. (3) 95 percent Class C to protect "outstanding" Quality Rating, wildlife, cultural, soils, plant & scenic values. Some Class C expansion outside along north edge to improve manageability. 5 percent Class L to permit utility corridor along the southern edge while protecting resource values.

WSA 222A - SILURIAN VALLEY (Polygon 52) ACRES: 17,064

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	M
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) and (2) Class M to permit mineral and oil/gas development, livestock grazing and vehicle - related recreation on existing roads and trails. (3) Class L to protect soil and wildlife values and provide for utility corridor.

WSA 223 - N. MESQUITE MTNS (Polygon 51) ACRES: 23,125

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Provide for mineral and oil/gas exploration and development and livestock grazing facilities. Existing roads and trails provide vehicle access. (2) Class L to protect cultural, Native American, soils and scenic resources and sensitive plants and animals. Quality Rating is "poor" and livestock grazing facilities will be permitted. (3) Class L to protect cultural, Native American, soil, scenic, and sensitive plants and animals.

WSA 225 - MESQUITE MTNS (Polygon 51) ACRES: 44,317

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Provide for mineral and oil/gas exploration and development and livestock grazing facilities. Existing roads and trails provide vehicle access. (2) Class L to protect cultural, Native American, soils and scenic resources and sensitive plants and animals. Quality Rating is "fair" and livestock grazing facilities will be permitted. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness to protect cultural, scenic, soil, vegetation and wildlife values.

WSA 225A - STATELINE (Polygon 51) ACRES: 8,105

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L&M
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Provide for mineral and oil/gas exploration and development and livestock grazing facilities. Existing roads and trails provide vehicle access. (2) Class L to protect cultural, Native American, soils and scenic resources and sensitive plants and animals. Quality Rating is "poor" and livestock grazing facilities will be permitted. 5 percent Class M to permit mineral (especially oil/gas) exploration and development. (3) Class L to protect cultural, Native American, soil, scenic, and sensitive plants and animals.

WSA 227 - CLARK MTN (Polygon 65) ACRES: 14,107

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L&M
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C, L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness. Provides opportunities for energy and mineral development, livestock grazing, and vehicle-related recreation. (2) 80 percent recommended suitable for wilderness. 20 percent recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and to permit mineral exploration and development, livestock grazing, and vehicle - related recreation. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness.

WSA 228 - HOLLOW HILLS (Polygon 57) ACRES: 26,422

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C&L

(1) and (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness to permit mineral exploration and development and to provide access for prospecting and recreation on existing roads and trails. (3) 90 percent recommended suitable for wilderness to protect "fair" Quality Rating. 10 percent recommended unsuitable for wilderness and to permit a powerline planning corridor.

WSA 235A - SHADOW VALLEY (Polygon 66) ACRES: 10,452

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to permit mineral exploration and development, recreation access and livestock grazing. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness with emphasis on protecting soil, scenic, wildlife, vegetation, cultural and related recreation values. Livestock grazing permitted in suitable areas and vehicle - related recreation permitted on designated roads and trails. (3) recommended as unsuitable for wilderness but natural and cultural values protected.

WSA 237 - MAGEE/ATKINS (Polygon 66) ACRES: 11,092

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to permit mineral exploration and development, recreation access and livestock grazing. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness with emphasis on protecting soil, scenic, wildlife, vegetation, cultural and related recreation values. Livestock grazing permitted in suitable areas and vehicle - related recreation permitted on designated roads and trails. (3) recommended as unsuitable for wilderness but natural and cultural values protected.

WSA 237A - DEER SPRING (Polygon 66) ACRES: 2,560

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to permit mineral exploration and development, recreation access and livestock grazing. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness with emphasis on protecting soil, scenic, wildlife, vegetation, cultural and related recreation values. Livestock grazing permitted in suitable areas and vehicle - related recreation permitted on designated roads and trails. (3) recommended as unsuitable for wilderness but natural and cultural values protected.

WSA 237B - VALLEY VIEW (Polygon 66) ACRES: 3,200

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to permit mineral exploration and development, recreation access and livestock grazing. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness with emphasis on protecting soil, scenic, wildlife, vegetation, cultural and related recreation values. Livestock grazing permitted in suitable areas and vehicle - related recreation permitted on designated roads and trails. (3) recommended as unsuitable for wilderness but natural and cultural values protected.

WSA 238A - TEUTONIA PEAK (Polygon 66) ACRES: 2,976

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to permit mineral exploration and development, recreation access and livestock grazing. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness with emphasis on protecting soil, scenic, wildlife, vegetation, cultural and related recreation values. Livestock grazing permitted in suitable areas and vehicle - related recreation permitted on designated roads and trails. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness to protect wildlife, vegetation, scenic, soils and geologic values of Cima Dome.

WSA 238B - CIMA DOME (Polygon 66) ACRES: 15,333

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to permit mineral exploration and development, recreation access and livestock grazing. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness with emphasis on protecting soil, scenic, wildlife, vegetation, cultural and related recreation values. Livestock grazing permitted in suitable areas and vehicle - related recreation permitted on designated roads and trails. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness to provide management boundaries for the adjacent Cima Dome area.

WSA 239 - CINDER CONES (Polygon 60) ACRES: 44,992

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class M to permit mineral and geothermal resource development, range uses and recreation access on existing roads & trails. (2) Class L to protect wildlife, vegetation, soil, cultural, scenic and natural resource values while allowing for livestock grazing facilities. (3) Class C to protect natural and cultural resource values.

WSA 242 - SODA MTN (Polygons 34 & 56) ACRES: 106,641

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C&L

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to permit minerals exploration and development access for prospecting and recreation, and a planning utility corridor. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to permit mineral exploration and development; protects cultural, soils, wildlife and Native American values. (3) 90 percent recommended suitable for wilderness. 10 percent of recommend as unsuitable for wilderness to provide for a planning utility corridor.

WSA 243 - OLD DAD MTN (Polygon 59) ACRES: 49,301

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	I&M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) 45 percent recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to provide for mineral exploration & development, and access on existing roads & trails for recreation & prospecting. 55% recommended unsuitable for wilderness To provide for off-road vehicle recreation and mineral exploration and development. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness to provide for protecting wildlife, cultural, Native American, soil, and scenic values in addition to providing grazing facilities. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness due to "fair" Quality Rating, cultural, and natural values.

WSA 244 - RAINBOW WELLS (Polygon 60) ACRES: 16,019

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class M to permit mineral and geothermal resource development, range uses and recreation access on existing roads & trails. (2) Class L to protect wildlife, vegetation, soil, cultural, scenic and natural resource values while allowing for livestock grazing facilities. (3) Class C to protect natural and cultural resource values.

WSA 245 - EIGHTMILE TANK (Polygon 66) ACRES: 18,714

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to permit mineral exploration and development, recreation access and livestock grazing. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness with emphasis on protecting soil, scenic, wildlife, vegetation, cultural and related recreation values. Livestock grazing permitted in suitable areas and vehicle - related recreation permitted on designated roads and trails. (3) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness; Class L to protect scenic, plant, soils and wildlife values.

WSA 249 - KELSO MTN (Polygon 59 & 61) ACRES: 64,273

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M&I
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C&L

(1) Emphasis on Class M (75 percent) to allow mineral exploration and development and grazing and recreation access. The remaining 25 percent in Class I to allow off-road vehicle recreation and intensive mineral development. (2) Class L to protect high wildlife, cultural, scenic, Native American and soils values. Grazing would be intensively managed in high range suitability areas. (3) Recommended Class C. A small area east of Old Dad Mountain recommended Class L to protect natural and cultural values yet provide continuity of management with adjoining areas.

WSA 250 - KELSO DUNES (Polygon 62 & 63) ACRES: 124,518

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L&I
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	M&C
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) 70 percent Class I to provide for vehicle access required for livestock grazing, recreation, and mineral exploration and development. 30 percent Class L to permit mineral development (metalics). Recreation and grazing related vehicle use restricted to existing roads & trails to protect natural resource values. (2) 70 percent Class M to permit vehicle access for mineral prospecting and development and recreation and livestock grazing on existing roads and trails. 30 percent Class C due to "outstanding" Quality Rating. Class C expanded slightly beyond southeast corner. (3) Class C due to "outstanding" Quality Rating. Extended boundaries in the southeast corner for manageability.

WSA 251 - CADY MTN (Polygon 58) ACRES: 65,177

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	I&M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L&M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C&L

(1) 90 percent recommended unsuitable for wilderness to provide for mineral exploration and development and open vehicle - related recreation use. 10 percent recommended unsuitable for wilderness to provide for mineral exploration and development and access for prospecting, recreation and range facilities maintenance. (2) 50 percent recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to provide for mineral exploration and development and access for prospecting, recreation and livestock grazing. 50 percent recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to protect cultural, vegetative, wildlife scenic, and soils values. (3) 35 percent recommended suitable for wilderness due to "fair" Quality Rating and to eliminate blocks of private land. 65 percent recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to protect cultural, wildlife, vegetative, Native American, soils and scenic values.

WSA 251A - MESQUITE SPRINC (Polygon 58) ACRES: 14,447

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M&I
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L&M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C&L

(1) Emphasis on Class I due to off-road vehicle recreation use. Less than 10 percent recommended Class M to accomodate potential mineral sites and to provide access for recreation and grazing maintenance. (2) Recommended Class L for approximately 40 percent of the area to protect a concentration of cultural, vegetation, wildlife, scenic, and soil values in the Cady Mountains and Afton Canyon. The remainder in Class M to allow for development of high mineral potential along with providing access for recreation and grazing. (3) Recommended about 45 percent suitable for wilderness. The remainder in Class L to protect natural and cultural values.

WSA 252 - SLEEPINC BEAUTY (Polygon 63) ACRES: 18,333

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	I
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	M
(3)	PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Class I to permit livestock grazing, recreation, and mineral exploration and development and related vehicle access. (2) Class M to permit mineral developments and vehicle access on existing roads and trails for prospecting, livestock grazing and recreation. (3) Class L to protect natural & cultural values due to "poor" Quality Rating.

WSA 256 - BRISTOL/GRANITE MT (Polygon 62 & 63) ACRES: 72,206

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Suitable	C,L,M&I
(2) BALANCED - Suitable	C,L&M
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C&L

(1) 25 percent Class I to provide vehicle access for livestock grazing , recreation and mineral exploration and development. 30 percent Class M to provide vehicle access for livestock grazing, recreation and mineral development on existing roads and trails. 5 percent Class L to permit mineral exploration and vehicle access on designated roads and trails for recreation and livestock grazing while protecting natural values. 35 percent Class C to protect small area with "outstanding" Quality Rating and low vehicle accessibility and mineral potential. (2) Western 50 percent Class M to provide for mineral development & vehicle access on existing roads & trails for livestock grazing, prospecting and vehicle - related recreation. 5 percent Class L to protect identified cultural, wildlife, vegetation and other natural values and to permit a research area for the University of California in the southeast corner of the Granite Mountains. 45 percent Class C due to "outstanding" Quality Rating. Class C area expanded to improve manageability along the Kelso Road and the base of the Granite Mountains. (3) 97 percent Class C due to "outstanding" Quality Rating. 3 percent Class L to protect identified natural and cultural values.

WSA 258 - LAVA HILLS (Polygon 64) ACRES: 18,423

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	M
(3) PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and to permit mineral and energy exploration and development and recreation access on existing roads and trails. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and to permit recreation and mineral exploration and development access. (3) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness. Class L to protect soils, wildlife, Native American, environmental education and cultural resource values.

WSA 258A - SOUTH BRISTOL MOUNTAINS (Polygon 64) ACRES: 23,238

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	M
(3) PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and to permit mineral and energy exploration and development and recreation access on existing roads and trails. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and to permit recreation and mineral exploration and development access. (3) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness. Class L to protect soils, wildlife, Native American, environmental education and cultural resource values.

WSA 259 - MARBLE MOUNTAIN (Polygon 74) ACRES: 29,178

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	M
(3) PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and to permit minerals exploration and development and access for recreation, prospecting, and maintenance of livestock grazing facilities. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to permit minerals exploration and development and access for recreation on existing roads and trails. (3) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to permit limited mineral exploration and mineral, maintenance of livestock grazing facilities and recreation access on existing roads and trails.

WSA 260 - CLIPPER MOUNTAINS (Polygon 74) ACRES: 37,787

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class M for manageability and intensive grazing management. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to permit mineral exploration and development and for recreation access, while protecting cultural, soil and wildlife values. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "fair" Quality Rating.

WSA 262 - S. PROVIDENCE MT (Polygon 70) ACRES: 23,938

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C&L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended as Class M to permit mineral exploration and development. (2) Recommended as suitable for wilderness. Expanded to the south and north to adjoin WSA 263. 5 percent Class L on east side to protect diverse values while permitting livestock grazing, vehicle related recreation on designated roads and trails, and limited mining. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness to protect cultural, scenic, vegetation and wildlife values. Expanded to the north to adjoin WSA 263.

WSA 263 - PROVIDENCE MT (Polygon 70) ACRES: 51,057

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C&L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C&L

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness but cultural and recreation values, sensitive soils and sensitive and unique plants and animals will be protected. Provide for grazing facilities and mineral exploration and development. Permit access on designated roads and trails for prospecting, recreation and livestock grazing maintenance. (2) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "outstanding" Quality Rating. Bajada included for diversity of terrain. Expanded to eliminate intrusions. 10 percent Class L on northwest, northeast, and southeast corners to protect diverse values while permitting livestock grazing, vehicle - related recreation on designated roads and trails, and mining. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "outstanding" Quality Rating. 5 percent Class L in southeast to protect cultural, scenic, vegetation and wildlife values. Expanded to eliminate intrusions.

WSA 264 - MID HILLS (Polygon 70) ACRES: 13,300

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L&M
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C&L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness but cultural and recreation values, sensitive soils and sensitive and unique plants and animals will be protected. Provide for grazing facilities and mineral exploration and development. Permit access on designated roads and trails for prospecting, recreation and livestock grazing maintenance. 5 percent Class M along eastern side to permit mineral exploration and development. (2) 1/3 in the east-central portion recommended as suitable for wilderness. Expanded in the central area to eliminate an intrusion. The western half and a portion of the east side in Class L to protect vegetation and wildlife values while permitting mining operations. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "outstanding" Quality Rating.

WSA 265 - NEW YORK MOUNTAINS (Polygon 69) ACRES: 35,583

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Suitable	C & L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness. Emphasis on permitting energy and mineral development, recreation and livestock grazing maintenance access. (2) 40 percent of the New York Mountains recommended as suitable for wilderness to protect scenic and vegetation values. 25 percent of the area north of the New York Mountains recommended as unsuitable for wilderness but designated Class L to protect natural values. Area south of the New York Mountains recommended as unsuitable for wilderness due to extensive range facilities and high mineral potential. Designated Class L to protect wildlife, scenic, soils and cultural values. An area outside the WSA was also added to the Class C area in this alternative. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to scenic and botanical values. Class C area extended to the base of the New York Mountains and a small portion of the Class L historical mining area south of Ivanpah extended into the WSA.

WSA 266 - CASTLE PEAKS (Polygon 69) ACRES: 36,239

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Suitable	C & L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness. Emphasis on permitting energy and mineral development, recreation and livestock grazing maintenance access. (2) 70 percent of the higher areas of the New York Mountains recommended as suitable for wilderness. Ivanpah valley and small areas south of New York Mountains designated Class L to provide grazing access and permit extensive range facilities. Mineral exploration and developments limited to protect natural values. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to scenic and botanical values. A small area in northwest recommended as Class L. Southeastern boundary was extended to the planning polygon boundary for management purposes.

WSA 267 - FORT PIUTE (Polygon 72) ACRES: 37,651

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	L
(2) BALANCED - Suitable	C
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to permit mineral exploration and development, and designated vehicle access while protecting wildlife, scenic, and botanical values. (2) and (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "outstanding" Wilderness Quality.

WSA 270 - TABLE MOUNTAIN (Polygon 71) ACRES: 7,556

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class M to permit mineral development and livestock grazing and recreational access on existing roads and trails. (2) Class L to protect scenic, cultural, Native American, natural, recreation, sensitive soils, unique plants and wildlife values, while permitting livestock grazing and recreational access. (3) Class C to protect cultural, soils, plant and wildlife values.

WSA 271 - WOODS MOUNTAIN (Polygon 71) ACRES: 37,758

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class M to permit mineral development, livestock grazing and recreational access on existing roads and trails. (2) 15 percent Class M to provide for mineral development. 85 percent Class L to protect scenic, cultural, Native American, natural, recreation, sensitive soils, unique plants and wildlife values, while permitting livestock grazing and recreational access. (3) Class C to protect cultural, soils, plant and wildlife values.

WSA 272 - SIGNAL HILL (Polygon 72) ACRES: 32,477

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to provide for mineral exploration and development, oil and gas development, and access for recreation, prospecting and maintenance of grazing facilities. (2) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to provide for mineral exploration and development, an energy transmission corridor, development of oil and gas, and possible geothermal development. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness to protect unique plant assemblages, sensitive soils, cultural resources, and Native American values.

WSA 276 - DEAD MOUNTAIN (Polygon 73) ACRES: 29,411

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C & L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) Class M to provide for mineral exploration and development, potential oil and gas, and vehicle access on existing roads and trails for recreation. (2) 60 percent in Class L to protect sensitvie wildlife, soils, unique plant assemblages, cultural, and Native American values, and provide for mineral exploration and development. 40 percent in Class C to protect Native American values in the Dead Mountains, sensitive wildlife and soils. Class C area was expanded slightly outside the WSA in the southwestern corner for better manageability. (3) 3 percent in Class L to protect unique plants, wildlife and sensitive soils. 97 percent in Class C to protect Native American values, unique and sensitive plants, and wildlife. Western boundary adjusted slightly outside WSA for manageability.

WSA 288 - PIUTE MOUNTAINS (Polygon 75) ACRES: 17,063

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness and provides for exploration and development of minerals and access on existing roads and trails for vehicle-related recreation and prospecting. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness and provides for exploration and development of minerals and access on existing roads and trails for vehicle-related recreation and prospecting. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness to protect wildlife, soils, scenic values on 85 percent of the area. 15 percent is recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and provides for a utility corridor.

WSA 288A - ESSEX (Polygon 75) ACRES: 10,984

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	M
(3) PROTECTION - Unsuitable	L

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness and provides for exploration and development of minerals and access on existing roads and trails for vehicle-related recreation and prospecting. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness and provides for exploration and development of minerals and access on existing roads and trails for vehicle-related recreation and prospecting. (3) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and provides for the protection of cultural resources, scenic qualities, sensitive soils, and wildlife values.

WSA 290 - BIGELOW CHOLLA (Polygon 77) ACRES: 9,136

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L & M
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Emphasis placed on protection of cultural, wildlife, scenic, vegetative and soil values in the Sacramento Mountains while allowing access for mineral exploration and development and recreation on designated trails. 10 percent placed in Class M to allow for mineral development, recreation on existing roads and trails, and utility corridors. (2) Virtually all of the area placed in Class L to protect identified wildlife, cultural, scenic, soils and unique plant values. Quality Rating "good", but no good management boundaries exist. The small area at the western tip in Class M to provide for mineral development, particularly oil and gas, along with utility corridors and recreational access. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness due to "good" Quality Rating.

WSA 292 - SACRAMENTO MOUNTAIN (Polygon 77) ACRES: 36,450

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L & M
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) Emphasis placed on protection of cultural, wildlife, scenic, vegetative and soil values in the Sacramento Mountains while allowing access for mineral exploration and development and recreation on designated trails. 10 percent placed in Class M to allow for mineral development, recreation on existing roads and trails, and utility corridors. (2) 90 percent in Class L to protect identified wildlife, scenic, cultural, soils, and unique plant values. Quality Rating "good" but no good management boundaries exist. 10 percent in Class M to provide for mineral development, particularly oil and gas, along with utility corridors and recreational access. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness except for a small area at the south end. Boundaries were extended outside the area to reflect an attempt to use mountain contours, landmark lines and roads as recognizable management boundaries.

WSA 294 - STEPLADDER MOUNTAIN (Polygon 76) ACRES: 111,685

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) Class M to provide for oil and gas exploration and development, minerals development and recreation use of existing roads and trails. (2) 70 percent in Class L to provide for cultural, plant, wildlife and soils values while allowing controlled access for recreation and mineral exploration and development. 30 percent in Class M to provide for exploration and development of oil and gas and minerals; provide existing road and trail access for recreation and prospecting. (3) 90 percent in Class C due to "good" Quality Rating, unique plants, sensitive wildlife and plant habitats, high scenic qualities and cultural resources. 10 percent in Class L to provide for utility corridors on the eastern and western edges while protecting unique plant assemblages, desert tortoise and sensitive plant habitats.

WSA 295 - PILOT PEAK (Polygon 75) ACRES: 29,434

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	L & C

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness and provides for exploration and development of minerals and access on existing roads and trails for vehicle-related recreation and prospecting. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness and provides for mineral exploration and development, access for range facilities maintenance and the protection of wildlife habitat, soils and cultural values. (3) Recommended as suitable due to "fair" Quality Rating, wildlife species, geologic resources, sensitive soils and cultural resources in 80 percent of the area. The remaining 20 percent is recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and provides for a utility corridor.

WSA 299 - OLD WOMAN MOUNTAINS (Polygon 82) ACRES: 100,826

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	L & C

(1) One-third in Class M for oil and gas exploration and development and recreational use on existing roads and trails, and to provide continuity with adjacent land classes. The central two-thirds is Class L to protect the natural values of the area while allowing access on designated roads and trails for rock collectors, recreationists, mineral exploration and development and for grazing management. (2) 10 percent along the eastern side in Class M to provide continuity with adjacent land classes and to provide access on existing roads and trails. The remaining area in Class L to protect natural values while allowing access on designated roads and trails for rock collectors, recreationists, mineral exploration and development and grazing management. (3) 90 percent in Class C due to "good" Quality Rating sensitive soils, wildlife and Native American values. 10 percent on the east and northwest sides in Class L to provide access on designated roads and trails for mineral exploration and development while protecting sensitive resources. The area of Class L on the east side provides continuity in land classes with adjacent lands.

WSA 300 - SHIP MOUNTAINS (Polygon 82) ACRES: 17,889

Quality Rating: Poor
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	L & C

(1) Class M to provide access on existing roads and trails for minerals, oil and gas exploration and development, and for vehicle-related recreation. (2) Class M to provide for access on existing roads and trails for minerals, oil and gas exploration and development, and for vehicle related recreation. (3) 98 percent recommended as suitable for wilderness and expanded by 10 percent on the northwest side. Class C to protect sensitive soils, wildlife and Native American values. 2 percent in Class L to protect sensitive resources while allowing access on designated roads and trails for mineral exploration and development.

WSA 304 - CLEGGHORN LAKES (Polygon 80) ACRES: 26,912

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	L & C

(1) Class M to provide for mineral exploration and development, and recreational access on existing roads and trails. (2) Northeast two-thirds in Class L to protect wildlife, scenic values and unique plant groups while allowing grazing facilities and mineral exploration and development. Remaining one-third in Class M for mineral exploration and development, and recreation on existing roads and trails. (3) 97 percent recommended as suitable for wilderness due to unique plant groups, soils, and cultural values. Small areas along edges in Class L due to natural and cultural values.

WSA 304A - AMBOY CRATER (Polygon 64) ACRES: 13,414

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and to permit mineral and energy exploration and development and recreation access on existing roads and trails. (2) Recommended as unsuitability for wilderness but emphasized protection of unique geologic and wildlife values of the Amboy Crater Area. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness to protect unique geologic and wildlife qualities along with "good" wilderness qualities. The WSA was expanded to the east to adjoin Amboy road.

WSA 305 - SHEEPHOLE - CADIZ (Polygons 79, 80) ACRES: 135,827

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class M to provide for mineral exploration and development, and recreational access on existing roads and trails, and for grazing management. (2) Northeast two-thirds in Class L to protect wildlife, including the desert tortoise, scenic values and unique plant groups while allowing grazing facilities and mineral exploration and development. Remaining one-third in Class M for mineral exploration and development, and recreation on existing roads and trails. (3) Area is recommended as wilderness to protect wilderness qualities, sensitive soils, scenic and wildlife values including the desert tortoise. Wilderness area expanded slightly on northern and southeast corners.

WSA 307 - TURTLE MOUNTAINS (Polygon 83) ACRES: 229,241

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Suitable	M & C
(2) BALANCED - Suitable	L, M & C
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	L & C

(1) 75 percent in Class M to provide vehicle access on existing roads and trails for grazing, minerals and recreation. 25 percent in Class C due to "Outstanding" Wilderness Quality. (2) 40 percent in Class M to provide for mineral development and recreational use of existing roads and trails. 5 percent in Class L to protect wildlife and vegetation resources while allowing vehicle access on designated roads and trails. 55 percent in Class C due to "Outstanding" Wilderness Quality. "Cherry stems" on the western and northern edges were included for manageability and quality enhancement purposes. (3) 5 percent in Class L to provide for utility corridor along northwestern edge, and to protect wildlife and vegetation while allowing vehicle access on designated roads and trails along the northeastern edge. 95 percent in Class C due to "Outstanding" Wilderness Quality.

WSA 310 - CHEMEHUEVI MOUNTAIN (Polygon 78) ACRES: 57,229

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Unsuitable	L
(2) BALANCED - Suitable	C
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class L due to private land distribution within the area while protecting resource values, and providing for development of mineral and energy resources, and vehicle access on existing roads and trails. (2) Class C due to "Outstanding" Wilderness Quality, Native American, wildlife, scenic and soil values. Slight expansion in southeast corner along edge of Indian reservation. (3) Class C due to "Outstanding" Wilderness Quality, Native American, scenic, soil and wildlife values. Slight expansion in southeast corner along edge of Indian reservation.

WSA 312 - WHIPPLE MOUNTAINS (Polygon 84) ACRES: 81,548

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1) USE - Suitable	C & M
(2) BALANCED - Suitable	C & L
(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) 90 percent recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "Outstanding" Wilderness Quality, unique plant groups and sensitive wildlife species. Area expanded about 3 percent on south side. 10 percent on the north and southeast sides in Class M to provide access for mineral exploration and development and vehicle recreation. (2) 90 percent recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "Outstanding" Wilderness Quality, sensitive wildlife species and unique plant assemblage. Area expanded about 5 percent on the south side. 10 percent on north side in Class L to protect cultural and wildlife values and sensitive soils while allowing access on designated roads and trails for mineral exploration and development. 2 percent on the southeast side in Class M to provide for mineral exploration and development. (3) 90 percent recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "Outstanding" Wilderness Quality, sensitive wildlife species and unique plant assemblage. Area expanded about 5 percent on the south side. 10 percent on north side in Class L to protect cultural and wildlife values and sensitive soils while allowing access on designated roads and trails for mineral exploration and development.

WSA 321 - BIG MARIA MOUNTAIN (Polygon 93) ACRES: 50,538

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M & I
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) 98 percent in Class M to provide access on existing roads and trails for grazing management, mineral exploration and development, and vehicle-related recreational use. 2 percent of the southern sub-unit in Class I to provide an open area for vehicle-related recreation. (2) 80 percent in Class L to protect sensitive plants and animals, cultural, and Native American values. 20 percent in Class M to provide for mineral exploration and development and for vehicle access on existing roads and trails. (3) 98 percent recommended as suitable for wilderness because of wildlife, Native American, scenic, and soil values. Area expanded 1 percent on west side of south sub-unit. 2 percent in Class L to protect sensitive wildlife species and Native American resources.

WSA 322 - RICE VALLEY (Polygon 93) ACRES: 48,845

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) and (2) Class M to provide access on existing roads and trails for grazing management, mineral exploration and development, and recreation. (3) 97 percent is recommended as suitable for wilderness to protect good examples of desert pavement and mountain-valley system. 3 percent on southeast side in Class L to protect sensitive wildlife species and Native American resources.

WSA 325 - PALEN/McCOY (Polygons 90, 91, & 92) ACRES: 239,878

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M & I
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C, L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) Recommended 80 percent in Class M to expedite mineral exploration and development, and allow recreation access; 20 percent in Class I to allow intensive minerals development and an off-road vehicle use area. (2) Recommended Class C for 50 percent due to "Outstanding" Quality Rating, ironwood and cruxifixion thorn forests. 20 percent in Class L to protect another part of the ironwood forest yet allowing limited vehicle access; remainder in Class M to allow access on existing roads for mineral exploration and development and recreation. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness due to "Outstanding" Quality Rating, unique ironwood and crucifixion thorn forests. 30 percent of Class L to allow for limited vehicle touring on designated roads and trails and mineral exploration and development.

WSA 328 - COXCOMB MOUNTAIN (Polygons 87 & 88) ACRES: 61,524

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C & L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness due to vehicle use on designated roads and trails and to facilitate grazing access, allow mineral exploration and development while protecting natural resources in Class L. (2) Recommended Class C north of the power line (85 percent) with the remainder in Class L to allow ORV access on designated roads and trails while protecting natural and cultural resources. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness and as Class C due to "Outstanding" Wilderness Quality.

WSA 328A - SOUTH COXCOMB

This WSA was combined with 328 and notification of this action published December 27, 1979, as part of the "Amendments and Clarifications" of the CDCA Wilderness Inventory. (See above)

WSA 334 - EAGLE MOUNTAIN (Polygon 89) ACRES: 49,723

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class L to protect natural and cultural values while allowing limited vehicle access for mineral exploration and development. (2) Class C due to "Outstanding" Wilderness Quality. (3) Class C due to "Outstanding" Wilderness Quality. Expanded to consolidate with WSA 334A and wilderness area in the Joshua Tree National Monument.

WSA 334A - PINTO BASIN (Polygon 89) ACRES: 4,480

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class M to provide for mineral development and recreation vehicle access. (2) Class L to protect natural values while permitting access on designated roads and trails for mineral exploration. (3) Class C to protect wilderness values and expanded to consolidate with WSA 334 and wilderness area in the Joshua Tree National Mounument.

WSA 335 - PINTO MOUNTAINS (Polygon 87) ACRES: 24,710

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) Class M to provide access on existing roads and trails for recreational purposes and for mineral exploration and development. (2) 90 percent in Class L to protect wildlife and other values while allowing access on designated roads and trails for mineral exploration and development. 10 percent in Class M to allow vehicle access on existing roads and trails. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "good" Wilderness Quality and sensitive wildlife species.

WSA 341 - SANTA ROSA MOUNTAIN (Polygon 94) ACRES: 68,051

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C & L
(3)	Protection - Suitable	C & L

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and provides access for mineral exploration and development. Access for wildlife and grazing facilities, maintenance and for recreation. (2) 80 percent recommended suitable for wilderness due to "Outstanding" Quality Rating. The remaining 20 percent recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and provides for protecting natural, wildlife, Native American and cultural values. (3) 80 percent recommended suitable for wilderness due to "Outstanding" Quality Rating. The remaining 20 percent recommended as unsuitable for wilderness and provides for protecting natural, wildlife, Native American and cultural values.

WSA 343 - MECCA HILLS (Polygon 97) ACRES: 15,665

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M & I
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness, but in Class M to provide access for mineral exploration and development and for recreation. 10 percent recommended Class I to provide for area historically used for off-road vehicle recreation. (2) Emphasis on Class L with two small areas in Class M to allow development of existing campground and to allow for mineral exploration and development. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "good" Quality Rating.

WSA 344 - OROCOPIA MOUNTAIN (Polygon 97) ACRES: 44,195

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L, M & I
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C & L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended 60 percent for Class L to protect wilderness values in the Orocopia Mountains and wildlife species in Salt Creek. 30 percent in Class I to provide for historic off-road vehicle use area. 10 percent in Class M to provide for wildlife and high scenic values while allowing vehicular use on existing roads and trails. (2) Recommended Class C for most of the area to provide for a pristine area with high values. Remaining 20 percent in Class L to allow vehicle access on designated roads. (3) Recommended suitable for wilderness.

WSA 348 - CHUCKWALLA MOUNTAIN (Polygon 98) ACRES: 126,057

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M & I
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C, L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) 25 percent in Class I to provide an open off-road vehicle use area. 75 percent in Class M to provide for mineral developments and vehicular access to rock collecting sites on existing roads and trails. (2) 45 percent in Class L to protect desert tortoise, bighorn sheep and sensitive plants while providing vehicle access for recreation and mineral development. 25 percent in Class M to provide for mineral and geothermal developments. 30 percent in Class C to protect wilderness and natural values. (3) 35 percent in Class L to provide limited vehicle access for recreation and mineral development while protecting cultural, wildlife and vegetative resources. 65 percent in Class C due to "good" Quality Rating.

WSA 350 - LITTLE CHUCKWALLA (Polygon 99) ACRES: 44,422

Quality Rating: Fair
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	M & I
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L & M
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) 60 percent in Class I to provide for development of geothermal and mineral resources, and open vehicular access for recreation use. 40 percent in Class M to provide vehicle access and mineral exploration. (2) 65 percent in Class M to allow vehicle access and mineral exploration on existing roads and trails. 35 percent in Class L to protect values in Little ChucKwalla and area south to Bradshaw Trail while providing vehicle acces on designated roads and trails. (3) 95 percent in Class C to protect existing values. 5 percent in Class L to provide for wildlife resources while also providing access for mining and recreation activities.

WSA 352 - PALO VERDE MOUNTAIN (Polygon 100) ACRES: 25,428

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L & M
(2)	BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C & L

(1) 95 percent in Class L to protect cultural and Native American values yet allow recreation access. 5 percent in Class M to provide for vehicular access to facilitate mineral exploration. (2) Because of proximity to the Sun Desert Power Plant site, recommended as unsuitable for wilderness, permitting grazing, mineral exploration and development and recreational access on designated roads and trails. (3) 80 percent recommended suitable for wilderness due to "good" Quality Rating. The boundary was moved in on the east to permit more extensive grazing using contour lines as a boundary.

WSA 355 - INDIAN PASS (Polygon 101) ACRES: 25,971

Quality Rating: Good
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to protect cultural and natural values. (2) and (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "good" Quality Rating.

WSA 355A - PICACHO PEAK (Polygon 101) ACRES: 6,982

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness but protects cultural and natural values. (2) and (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "Outstanding" Quality Rating.

WSA 356 - LITTLE PICACHO PEAK (Polygon 101) ACRES: 37,196

Quality Rating: Outstanding
Multiple Use Analysis:

	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
(1)	USE - Unsuitable	L
(2)	BALANCED - Suitable	C & L
(3)	PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness to provide access for mineral exploration and development and recreation on designated roads and trails while protecting wilderness resource values. (2) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "Outstanding" Quality Rating. (3) Recommend as suitable for wilderness due to "Outstanding" Quality Rating.

WSA 360 - NORTH ALGODONES DUNES (Polygon 103) ACRES: 20,778

Quality Rating: Outstanding

Multiple Use Analysis:	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
	(1) USE - Unsuitable	L
	(2) BALANCED - Suitable	C
	(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Recommended as unsuitable for wilderness with emphasis on protection of sensitive plant and wildlife species, and scenic values. (2) and (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "Outstanding" Quality Rating.

WSA 362 - S. ALGODONES DUNES (Polygon 103) ACRES: 35,524

Quality Rating: Good

Multiple Use Analysis:	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
	(1) USE - Unsuitable	I
	(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L
	(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Emphasis was given to providing an off-road vehicle recreation area. (2) Emphasis on protecting sensitive wildlife and plant species while allowing access on designated roads and trails. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "good" Quality Rating.

WSA 368 - INKOPAH MOUNTAIN (Polygon 106) ACRES: 26,868

Quality Rating: Outstanding

Multiple Use Analysis:	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
	(1) USE - Unsuitable	L
	(2) BALANCED - Suitable	C
	(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Emphasis placed on providing for mineral development while protecting natural, cultural and Native American concerns. (2) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "Outstanding" Quality Rating. (3) Recommended as suitable for wilderness due to "Outstanding" Quality Rating and cultural, wildlife, plants, soils and scenic values.

WSA 372 - FISHCREEK MOUNTAIN (Polygon 105) ACRES: 10,958

Quality Rating: Outstanding

Multiple Use Analysis:	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
	(1) USE - Unsuitable	L
	(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	C
	(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Class L to protect natural values. (2) and (3) Class C due to "Outstanding" Quality Rating and cultural, plant, wildlife and scenic values.

WSA 373 - COYOTE MOUNTAIN (Polygon 106) ACRES: 10,958

Quality Rating: Fair

Multiple Use Analysis:	ALTERNATIVE	CLASS
	(1) USE - Unsuitable	M & I
	(2) BALANCED - Unsuitable	L & I
	(3) PROTECTION - Suitable	C

(1) Emphasis placed on mineral exploration and development in Class M with approximately 5 percent in Class I set aside for off-road vehicle recreation. (2) Recommended unsuitable for wilderness due to off-road vehicle intrusions and unmanageable boundaries. Class L provides for wildlife, plants, cultural and scenic values. (3) Expanded to the base of the mountain south of the area. Class C provides for wilderness, wildlife, plant, cultural and scenic values.

Section II

AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN

BACKGROUND

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act, in Section 103(a), defines an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) as an area "...within the public lands where special management attention is required (when such areas are developed or used or where no development is required) to protect and prevent irreparable damage to important historic, cultural, or scenic values, fish and wildlife resources or other natural systems or processes, or to protect life and safety from natural hazards."

Based upon FLPMA's mandate, the Bureau developed and published on June 6, 1979, Draft Guidelines for identifying and designating ACECs. As a result of the ensuing 90-day public comment period, these Draft Guidelines have been reviewed and are now pending issuance as Final Guidelines.

During this period (June 6, 1979, to February 15, 1980), in order to adequately consider ACECs in the Draft Desert Plan, the Desert Planning Staff developed procedures for integrating ACECs into the ongoing planning process.

APPROACH TO ACEC IDENTIFICATION IN THE DRAFT PLAN

The basic approach and criteria for nominating and identifying ACECs during the Draft Plan alternatives development are outlined on pages 165 and 166 of the Draft Plan Alternatives and Environmental Impact Statement.

However, description of the procedures and a listing of each nominated ACEC were not included in the Draft Plan, and Table A/C-1, pages 168-170 of the Draft Plan Alternatives, lists only the 50 ACECs that were selected as meeting the criteria for identifying ACECs.

Resource specialists on the Desert Planning Staff, using data from all available sources, particularly their extensive inventories, submitted individual ACEC nominations representing any resource values. These data were analyzed by a review team of Desert Planning Staff planners,

Bakersfield and Riverside District Managers, and representatives of the BLM California State Office. At that time the reviewers followed a two-step process:

1. All individual ACEC nominations were analyzed using the Bureau's Draft ACEC Guidelines to determine if they met the identification criteria of (1) Relevance, (2) Importance, (3) Criticality, (4) Protectability. (See page 166 of the Draft Desert Plan alternatives for definitions.)

2. Nominated ACECs that met these four criteria were reviewed to see which ones occurred in the same geographic area. Where there were overlaps, the individual ACECs were consolidated.

As a result of this two-step process, 50 ACECs were identified in the Draft Plan. Some contain single important resource values and others contain important multiple resource values.

The Draft Plan Alternatives did not list or include reasons for dropping those nominated ACECs which did not meet the identification criteria. Appendix 4 of the Draft Plan Alternatives simply listed those candidate ACECs which were rejected. Lack of explanation generated sufficient public inquiry to necessitate providing additional information.

ANALYSIS OF IDENTIFIED ACECs IN THE DRAFT PLAN ALTERNATIVES

Because of the unique nature of ACEC values, it was decided to assess all 50 identified ACECs as constants in all alternatives. The specific nature of the discrete sites and resources of the ACECs in relation to the adjacent and underlying multiple-use classes could be more fully understood during the public review period. Those nominated ACECs which were rejected in the Draft Plan Alternatives were dropped largely because they failed to meet the protectability criteria because of budgetary and enforcement limitations and because increased visibility resulting from ACEC nomination would increase the risk to the resource values.

CONSIDERATION OF ACECs IN DEVELOPING THE PROPOSED DESERT PLAN

During the development of the Proposed Desert Plan, the following approach to assessing ACECs is being used:

1. Insofar as practical ACECs will be identified and recommended for designation using the Final ACEC Guidelines now being completed by the Bureau. Indications are that these guidelines generally follow the same concepts as the originally published Draft Guidelines.

2. Resource specialists from the Desert Planning Staff will reassess all nominated ACECs. Based upon public comment received and review of existing and new data, these specialists will nominate a revised group of ACECs.

3. Resource Area Managers, with the resource specialists who nominated the ACECs, will review and advise the Steering Committee of recommended "Proposed Identified ACECs," using the criteria of (1) Relevance and (2) Importance.

4. The Desert Plan Steering Committee (District Managers of Bakersfield and Riverside and Director, Desert Planning Staff) will review all nominated ACECs and consider the Area Managers' advice. The Committee will then recommend "Proposed Identified ACECs" which meet the criteria of manageability. These will become "Potential ACECs," subject to interim management, upon concurrence of the State Director and submission to the Secretary of the Interior.

5. The Advisory Committee may be afforded an opportunity to review all nominations and advise the State Director of additions to or deletions from the list of "Potential ACECs."

6. Based upon public review of the Proposed Desert Plan, and with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the Potential ACECs in the approved Desert Plan will be "Designated ACECs" and noted on official files and master title plats.

7. All nominated ACECs will be reviewed to determine if some other form of "Special Area" designation may be appropriate, e.g., National Natural Landmark, Outstanding Natural Area, Habitat Management Area, in order to protect resource values.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The public is encouraged to provide input on the ACEC element in the Proposed Desert Plan. The 30-day period for comment is scheduled to begin shortly after publication of the Proposed Plan on September 30, 1980.

DOCUMENTATION OF ACEC ANALYSIS, REVIEW AND DECISION

Each nominated ACEC will be documented in files maintained by the Desert Planning Staff. All descriptions, actions, the rationale for these actions, and decision rationale will be available for public review. The attached summary form, "Documentation Summary, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, California Desert Conservation Area," will be completed for each nominated ACEC to allow the public to easily track ACEC analysis and decisions.

SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS

The attached tables are provided to assist the reviewer in understanding how nominated ACECs were analyzed and accepted or rejected during development of the Draft Desert Planning Alternatives.

DOCUMENTATION SUMMARY

AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN

CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION AREA

Name: _____

File No: _____ District: _____ Resource Area _____

Resources, Values or Hazards _____

A. IDENTIFICATION PHASE

1. Nomination - By whom _____ Date: _____
2. Criteria Analysis by Specialist/Public (Yes or No - if no why?)

   Relevance - _____

   Importance - _____

   Name of analyst _____ Date: _____
3. Public participation: (include method, date & substantive response)

   _____
4. Analysis and Evaluation

   a. Summary of Review _____

   _____

   b. Concur that Criteria have been met (Yes or No--if No, why?)

   Relevance - _____

   Importance - _____

   Date: _____
5. Identification Finding (by Steering Committee)

   Potential ACEC ☐

   No Potential ACEC ☐ Rationale: _____

   Steering Committee _____ Date: _____
6. Recommended Management Requirements

B. DESIGNATION PHASE

1. Other Alternative Uses Proposed for the Area (including other types of special area designations).

2. Public Participation (include method, date, and substantive response)

3. Designation Decision

   a. Proposed for ACEC designation ☐ Date:

   b. Not proposed for ACEC designation ☐ Date: _____

   Rationale - _____

   Steering Committee _____

   c. State Director Concurrence ☐ Date: _____

   d. Federal Register Publication No. Date:

C. MANAGEMENT PHASE

1. Special management requirements (including schedule for implementation)

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NOMINATED AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN

NO.	ACEC NOMINATION	EST. SIZE (Sq. Mi.)	RESOURCE VALUE	IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA: Rele-vance	Impor-tance	Criti-cality	Protect-ability	RECOMMENDATION	REMARKS AND RATIONALE
1	Eureka Valley Dunes	5.1	Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Vegetation						
	"		Scenic Quality						
2	Saline Valley/Salt Lake/ Hunter Canyon	2.6	Wildlife						
	"		Native American	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Cultural Value						
	"		Vegetation						
3	Darwin Falls	.7	Scenic Quality						
	"		Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Vegetation						
4	Beach Springs	.5	Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
5	Fossil Falls	.6	Unique Geologic formation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
6	Inyo Brown Towhee	10.3	Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
7	Panamint Valley	7.1	Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Cultural						

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8	Panamint City	1.0	Cultural						
	"		Scenic Quality	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	(West Panamint)		Wildlife						Proposal Reduced to Panamint City Area only
9	Green Water Canyon	3.5	Cultural	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Native American						
10	Amargosa Canyon	5.8	Wildlife						
	"		Scenic Quality	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Vegetation						
	"		Water availa-bilty						
11	Kingston Mts	21.6	Vegetation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Wildlife						
12			Value						
13	Clark Mountains	18.2	Scenic Quality						
	"		Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
			Cultural Value						

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14	Mountain Pass	2.2	Cultural Value	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
15	Trona Pinnacles	2.2	Unique Geologic formation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Scenic Quality						
16	Bedrock Springs	.3	Cultural Value	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
17	Steam Wells	.06	"	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
18	Squaw Springs	.6	"	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
19	Black Water Well	2.2	Cultural Value	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
20	Goldstone	1.9	"	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
21	Black Mt	23.8	"						
	"		Native American	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
22	Harper Dry Lake		Wildlife						
	"		Vegetation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Water (Availability)						

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23	Rainbow Basin Owl Canyon	2.0	Unique Geological Values	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Scenic Quality						
24	Iron Mountain	4.0	Cultural Values	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
25	Calico Man Site	1.2	Cultural Values	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
26	Afton Canyon	18.4	Scenic Quality						
	"		Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Vegetation						
	"		Water Avail-ability						
27	Fort Soda	4.7	Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Cultural Values						
28	Indian Spring	3.8	Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	

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29	Fort Piute	1.5	Scenic Quality						
	"		Cultural Value	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Water (Availibility)						
	"		Wildlife						
30	Kelso Dunes	46.4	Scenic Quality	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Wildlife						
31	Barrel Springs	1.5	Cultural Value	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
32	Amboy Crater	4.5	Scenic Quality	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Unique Geologic Formation						
33	Ancient Creosote Rings	5.1	Vegetation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
34	Juniper Flats	3.5	Cultural Values	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
35	White Water Canyon	14.4	Native American	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Wildlife						

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36	Fringe-toed Lizard Habitat	11.8	Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
37	Iron Mountain	3.6	Cultural Values	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
38	Rice Valley Dunes	9.2	Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
39	Chuckwalla Valley Dunes	2.7	Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
40	Corn Springs	3.8	Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Vegetation						
	"		Scenic Quality						
41	Salt Creek	16.0	Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Native American						
42	San Sebastian Marsh	9.2	Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Cultural						
	"		Native American						
	"		Water (availability)						
43	Coyote Mountains	3.8	Paleontologic Values	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	

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44	Plaster City	14.9	Cultural Values	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Vegetation						
45	Yuha Intaglios	5.2	Cultural Values	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
46	Algodones Dunes	37.1	Vegetation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Wildlife						
47	Tumco	7.7	Cultural	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Native American						
48	Pilot Knob	2.6	Cultural Values	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
	"		Native American Values						
49	Lake Cahuilla	4.7	Cultural Values	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	
50	Desert Tortoise Natural Area	25.8	Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proposed ACEC	

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	South Owens Lake	14	Cultural - Archeologic sites	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to the resources; ACEC designation would increase risk to resource
	White Mountain City	1	Cultural - historic mining town	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rejected	No significant threat to the resource.
	Palen Lake (SE)	4	Cultural - prehistoric site	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to the resources. ACEC designation would increase risk to resources. Difficult to manage because of shape and topography.
	Crucero Area	15	Cultural - Archeologic sites	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Difficult to manage because of size, shape and terrain; ACEC designation would increase risk to resources.
	Last Chance Canyon	8	Cultural - Archeologic sites	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Consideration for protection will be included in activity plan for the area currently being prepared by the district.
	Valley Wells	5	Cultural - Archeologic sites	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to the resources; ACEC designation would increase risk to the resources.
	Rose Spring Area	1	Cultural - Archeologic sites	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	ACEC designation would increase the risk to the resources.

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	Rodman Mountain	30	Cultural - Petroglyph sites	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	Because of size area should be manged through appropriate Multiple Use class designation.
	Portuguese Bench	2	Cultural - Aboriginal village	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rejected	No significant threat to the resource.
	Christmas Canyon	12	Cultural - Historic Native American Shelters	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to the resources, difficult to manage because of size and shape; ACEC designation would increase risk to resources.
	Camp Irwin Military	5.5	Cultural - Prehistoric lithic procurement sites	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	Difficult to manage because of shape. No significant threat to resources; ACEC designation would increase risk to resources.
	Blind Hills	9	Cultural - Aboriginal rock shelters.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to resources; ACEC designation would increase risk to resources.
	Baxter Ranch	6	Cultural - prehistoric lithic and wild seed procurement sites	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Difficult to manage because of size and shape of the area.

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	Arica Mountain	1	Cultural - Historic mining activities	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to resources; ACEC designation would increase risk to resources.
	Amargosa Rings (south of shoreline)	1	Cultural - Historic Borax mining site	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to resources; ACEC designation would increase risk to resources.
	East Big Maria Mountains	25	Cultural - Intaglio Sites	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Most of the area is outside the Calif. Desert Conservation Area.
	Mule Tanks (Mule Mtns.)	8	Cultural - Prehistoric, historic sites	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to resources, difficult to manage because of size.
	Zinc Hill	2	Cultural - Historic Mining related	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to the resources; ACEC designation would increase risk to the resource.
	Piute Wash	3	Cultural - Archeological sites	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to the resources; ACEC designation would increase risk to the resources; difficult to manage because of size and shape.
	Old Wells	1	Cultural - Archeological sites	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to the resources; ACEC designation would increase risk to the resources.

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	NE Bristol Lake	9	Cultural - prehistoric site.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to the resources; ACEC designation would increase risk to the resources; difficult to manage because of size and topography.
	North Ryan	8	Cultural - prehistoric sites petroglyphs, historic mining	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to the resources; ACEC designation would increase risk to the resource.
	Lake Cahuilla (5 sites)	6	Cultural - Archeological sites	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Protection will be included in a scheduled activity plan for the shoreline (sand and gravel use).
	Mojave Road	50	Cultural - Prehistoric sites.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Configuration of trail difficult to manage. Comprehensive activity plans should be developed for the entire length.
	Mesquite Lake	10	Cultural - Prehistoric sites.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Difficult to manage because of size, shape and topography.
	McDonald Well	1	Cultural - prehistoric village	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	ACEC identification would increase risk to resources.
	Hallovan Wash	10	Cultural - aboriginal site.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	ACEC designation would increase risk to the resource.

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	The Tanks	.2+	Cultural-old stage stop sta	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	Too much private land involved; no significant threat to resource; risk to resource should be increased by ACEC designation
	Willow Creek Camp	7	Cultural-historic mining community	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rejected	No significant threat to the resources
	Superstition Mtns.	6.7	Cultural-Archeological sites	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Located in military reservation; difficult to manage because of size & topography
	Superior Lake	3	Cultural-Paleo-Indian Site	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to resource; not protectable due to size & shape of area.
	Spangler Hills	8	Cultural-Gold Mining District	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Difficult to manage because of size, shape & topography.
	South McCoy Mtns	3	Cultural-Archeological site	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Difficult to manage and control access because of large no. of mining claims in this area.
	Silver Mtn. Vivinity	3	Cultural-Historic hardrock mining District	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to resources; not protectable due to high no. of mining claims.

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	Sidewinder Well	4.5	Cultural-pre-historic site	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rejected	No significant threat to resources; difficult to manage due to size and topography.
	Plank Road	.2	Cultural-historic auto/RR	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	No significant threat to resources; area has adequate protection.
	North Clapp Spring		Cultural-archeological ruins					Withdrawn	Re-evaluation by DPS Archaeologist.
	Paymaster Mine (seventeen mile, pt.)	2	Cultural-historic mine	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	ACEC designation would increase the risk to the resource.
	Lone Tree Canyon	7	Cultural-Archeological sites	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Mostly private land.
	Kramer Hills	3	Cultural-historic quarry site	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Mostly private land; ACEC designation would increase the risk to the resource.
	IMP-70 (East Mesa)	10	Cultural-Archeological site	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to resources; ACEC designation would increase risk to the resources.
	Ford Dry Lake	30	Cultural-Archeoloical sites	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to resources; difficult to manage because of size & topography

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	Denning Spring	1	Cultural-pre-historic sites	Yes	Yes	No	No	Withrawn	Re-evaluation by DPS Archaeologist.
	Cuddeback Lake	7	Cultural-pre-historic occupational sites	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Difficult to manage because of size, shape, & topo.; ACEC designation would increase risk to resources
	Crater	1	Cultural-pre-historic & historic remains	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to resources; ACEC designation would increase risk to resources.
	Dale Lake	3	Cultural-prehistoric sites	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to resources; difficult to manage because of terrain.
	Cerro Gordo	9	Cultural-prehistoric & historic sites	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	Private land not critical--owner lives on the site
	Jawbone Canyon	5.5	Native American values	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	ACEC designation would increase risk to the resource.
	1000 Palms Oasis		Native American Value	No	No	No	No	Withdrawn	Re-evaluated by DPS Ethnographer.
	Deep Canyon							Withdrawn	Re-evaluated by DPS Ethnographer

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	Phooden Hill		Native American	No	No	No	No	Withdrawn	Re-evaluated by DPS Ethnographer.
	Sheep Creek Spring		Cultural Values	No	No	No	No	Withrawn	Re-evaluated by DPS Ethnographer.
	Spanish Canyon (Mule Canyon)	3.5	Cultural-historic trail and mining activity						New; Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft plan. Criteria not yet applied.
	Emigrant Road	2.5	Cultural-historic road						"
	Panamint Dunes	8	Cultural numerous prehistoric sites						"
	Indian Pass	3	Cultural-dense prehistoric sites						"
	Lake Hill	6	Cultural-several prehistoric sites						"
	West Well	.5	Cultural-numerous prehistoric sites						"
	Volcanic Cones	3	Cultural-numerous prehistoric sites						"

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	Southeastern Cadiz Lake	8	Cultural-prehistoric						New; Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft plan. Criteria not yet applied.
	Orange Blossom Mine	1	Cultural-historic mining area						"
	Gold Basin Rand Intaglios	2.5	Cultural-intaglios						"
1	Providence Mtns. Fossil Beds	1	Paleontologic	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Difficult to manage; ACEC designation would inrease risk to resources
	Mescal Range Dinosaur Trackway	2.5	Paleontologic	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat to the resources; ACEC designation would increase risk to the resource.
	Mable Mtn. Fossil Beds	1.5	Paleontologic	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	"
	Golden Valley	7	Scenic Quality	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	This area should be protected with the appropriate multiple use class.
	Butterfield Stage Route	2.5	Historic stage route	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Exposure through ACEC designation may increase risk of impact.
	Mopah Spring	.25	Scenic quality	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	Exposure through ACEC designation would increase risk.
	Northern Providence Mountains	40	Scenic quality	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	Because of the size of the area, these resources should be protected with the appropriate multiple-use class designation.

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	New York Mountains	75	Scenic quality	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	Because of the size of the area these resource values should be protected with the appropriate multiple-use class designation.
	Midhills	30	Scenic quality	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	"
	Woods Mountains	20	Scenic Quality	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	"
	Pipkin Crater	1	Scenic quality	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	Exposure through ACEC designation may increase risk of impact. No significant threat to resource at this time.
	Big Sand Springs	1	Vegetation locale of endangered species	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rejected	Burro removal underway. Exposure through designation may increase risk of impact.
	Cerro Gordo Peak	13.5	Vegetation locale of rare and endangered species	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Shape & topography of terrain. Exposure through designation may increase risk of impact.
	Panamint Dunes	1.5	Vegetation locale of rare and endangered species	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rejected	Exposure through designation may increase risk of impact.
	Death Valley Junction	4	Vegetation locale of two rare & endangered species	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rejected	Exposure through designation may increase risk of impact.

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	Red Rock Canyon	17	Vegetation locale of three rare and endangered species	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Currently managed by State of California
	Kramer Junction	7	Vegetation locale of rare and endangered species	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	All private lands
	Hanging Rock Canyon (East Chance Mountains)	17	Vegetation locale of rare and endangered species (six)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rejected	Exposure through designation may increase risk of impact.
	Lane Mountain	16.5	Vegetation locale of rare and endangered species	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rejected	Exposure through designation may increase risk of impact.
	Saggett	2	Vegetation locale of rare and endangered species	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rejected	Exposure through designation may increase risk of impact.
	Fri Mt/Upper Johnson Valley	22	Vegetation Unusual floral species.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	Difficult to manage because of size and shape of area.

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	Cushionberry Grade	4	Vegetation locale of 5 rare & endangered species.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	Exposure through designation may increase risk of impact No significant threat to resources.
	Kane Springs	6	Vegetation locale of 3 rare & endangered species.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	Exposure through designation may increase risk of impact.
	Painted Canyon (Mecca Hills)	3	Vegetation locale of rare & endangered species	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Consideration for protection included in Activity Plan being prepared for Mecca Hills
	Greenwater Range	--	Vegetation locale of rare and endangered species	Yes	Yes	No	No	Withdrawn by Resource Specialist	Can be protected under multiple-use management.
	East Ord Mountains	--	Vegetation locale of rare and endangered species	Yes	Yes	No	No	"	"
	Chuckwalla Valley	--	Vegetation locale of rare and endangered species	Yes	Yes	No	No	"	"
	East Mesa	--	Vegetation locale of rare and endangered species	Yes	Yes	No	No	"	"

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	Sidewinder Well	--	Vegetation locale of rare and endangered species	Yes	Yes	No	No	Withdrawn by resource specialist	Can be protected under multiple-use management.
	Surprise Canyon	6	Vegetation locale of of rare & endangered species.						New-submitted after deadline for consideration in the Desert Plan.
	Saline Valley Corridor	2	Vegetation locale of 9 rare species.						"
	Chicago Valley Mesquite Thickets	15	Wildlife - riparian habitat	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	No significant threat at this time; Area should be managed through appropriate Multiple Use class.
	East Sierra Canyons	200	Wildlife - raptor nesting foraging area	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Size of this nomination is a problem-area, should be managed through appropriate multiple-use class.
	Deep Springs Black Toad Critical Habitat	7	Wildlife - riparian habitat for the Black toad	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Difficult protectability because of ownership pattern.
	Deep Springs Valley Shadscale community	27	Wildlife - representative habitat.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Difficult land acquisition problem. Livestock should be controlled through the allotment management plan.

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	Indian Wash	10	Wildlife - diverse plant and animal populations	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Difficult to protect because of size and terrain. Should be managed through appropriate Multiple-use class designation.
	Barefoot Gecko Habitat	40	Wildlife - Barefoot Gecko habitat.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Difficult to protect because of size configuration of proposed area.
	Milpitas Wash	190	Wildlife - diverse plant and animal habitat.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Because of size and ownership pattern, area should be managed through appropriate MU Class designation.
	Desert Slender Salamander Habitat	8	Wildlife - Control of source of water for salamader habitat.	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rejected	Not critical at this time.
	Chemehuevi Wash	500	Wildlife - representative habitat	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Because of size and ownership pattern, should be managed through appropriate MU class designation.
	Pisgah Crater Lava Flow	35	Wildlife - diverse animal population	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Because of size and shape, area should be managed through appropriate MU Class designation.
	New York Mountains	140	Wildlife - unique faunal and floral composition	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	Size and shape present management problems. Area should be managed through appropriate Multiple Use class.

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	Cima Dome	88	Wildlife - unique animal habitat	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	Size and shape present manag ment problems. Area should b managed through appropriate MU class. Also grazing allotment plans.
	Granite Mountains	85	Wildlife - diverse plant and animal habitats.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rejected	Size of the proposal presents management problem. Area should be protected through the appropriate MU Class designation.
	Ford Dry Lake	10	Wildlife - contaminated habitat.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	State Department of Fish and Game should take appropriate action.
	West Panamint	55	Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Rejected	Because of size, area should be managed through appropriate MU Class designation.
	Cottonwood Creek	—	Wildlife					Withdrawn by Resource Specialist	
	Desert Pupfish Critical Habitat-Salton Sea	500	Wildlife - sensitive species habitat.						New-submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft plan.
	Chuckwalla Bench	265	Wildlife - rich fauna and flora habitat						New-submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Midland Ironwood Woodland	68	Wildlife - unique habitat						New-submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.

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	McCoy Wash	40	Wildlife - representative habitat.						New-submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Santa Rosa Mountains Peninsular Bighorn Sheep Habitat	200	Wildlife - rare species habitat						New-submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Chuckwalla Mountains Desert Bighorn Sheep Habitat	184	Wildlife - sensitive species habitat						New-submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Big Morongo Canyon	6.2	Wildlife - riparian habitat						New-submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Vidal Wash	125	Wildlife - dense floral and fauna habitat.						New-submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Cadiz Dunes	55	Wildlife - unique dune habitat.						New-submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Newberry/Granite Mountains Raptor Breeding Area	640	Wildlife - dense raptor breeding area.						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.

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	Stepladder Mountains Teddybear Cholla Thicket	40	Wildlife - dense fauna and floral habitat.						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	East Cronese Lake	4	Wildlife - waterfowl wintering and migra-tory stop-over.						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Cady Mountains Desert Bighorn Sheep Habitat	110	Wildlife - sheep habitat						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	West Mojave Saltbush Community	300	Wildlife - Unique fauna and floral habitat.						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Red Mountain/El Paso Raptor Breeding Area	300	Wildlife - dense raptor breeding area.						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Jawbone-Butterbread-Dove Spring-Lone Tree Canyons	350	Wildlife - diverse fauna habitat.						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Koehn Lake	7	Wildlife - wetland habitat						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.

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	Robbers Roost	2	Wildlife - raptor habitat						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Yuha Basin Flat - Tailed Horned Lizard Habitat	160	Wildlife - reptile habitat						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan
	East Mesa Flat - Tailed Horned Lizard Habitat	300	Wildlife - reptile habitat						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan
	Eastern Slopes of the Inyo Mountains	170	Wildlife - valuable flora and fauna habitat.						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Fremont/Stoddard Valley Desert Tortoise Area	2000	Wildlife						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Ivanpah Valley Tortoise Area	200	Wildlife						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Fenner/Chemehuevi Valley Tortoise Area	1400	Wildlife						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Granite Mountains Bighorn Sheep	35	Wildlife						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Chuckwalla Bench Desert Tortoise Area	500	Wildlife						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.

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	California Valley Mesquite Thicket	5.5	Wildlife Vegetative habitat						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan
	Grimshaw Lake - Amargosa River	6	Wildlife riparian habitat						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Argus Range - Desert Bighorn Sheep Habitat	100	Wildlife - critical animal habitat.						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Grapevine Canyon	3	Wildlife riparian habitat						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Panamint Valley Dunes	4	Wildlife - dune system						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Upper Amargosa River	5	Wildlife - riparian habitat						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Smuggler's Cave Southern Chaparral	4	Wildlife - dense animal population						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Pinto Wash	10	Wildlife - diverse reptilean population						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.
	Palo Verde Mountains Saquaro Cactus stand	2	Wildlife - representative habitat.						New-Submitted after deadline for consideration in the draft Plan.

REFERENCES

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